

PHILIPPINE PROJECT

SELECT MESSAGES

CUSHING - CEBU

FEBRUARY 1943 -

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Cross Reference

PERALTA

- No. 392 - June 18, 1943 - disorganization and killings in Cebu
- No. 692 - 16 Aug 43 - re reported interference with Cushing in Cebu
- Msg. to Peralta - 22 Jan 44 - announcing creation of Cebu Area Command and appointment of Cushing to head it.

FERTIG

- No 149 - 17 June 43 - re Fenton
- No 393 - 4 Nov 43
- No 423 - 23 Nov 43
- No 461 - 11 Dec 43
- No 522 - 22 Dec 43 - report of repatriation of Charles Cushing
- No 570 - 8 June 44
- No 586 - 15 Jan 44
- No 722 - 25 Feb 44
- No 832 - 4 April 44

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- No. 208 - 6 Dec 43
- No. 233 - 18 Jan 44 - enemy action in Cebu
- No. 233 - 20 Jan 44 - Cushing's emissary to Bohol.

~~Holloman~~



FEBRUARY 27th, 1943

GTWO-VSM-S/nrb

NO. 20

TO: W-10

THRU: 4E7

FENTON TRANSMITTING IN CLEAR TO WASHINGTON DESPIRE WARNINGS PD HE ASKS
COMMAND CEBU PD APPARENT QUARREL PERALTA POSSIBLY OTHERS PD HAVE NOT
REPLIED FENTON DUE DANGER TRANSMISSION IN CLEAR AND BECAUSE FENTON NOT
CONSIDERED COMPETENT FOR COMMAND AND INEXPEDIENT GIVE HIM PRESTIGE OF
DIRECT CONTACT PD CAN YOU WITHOUT PREJUDICE YOUR SECURITY REPORT SITUATION
CMA WHO IF ANY MERITS COMMAND AUTHORITY EIGHTH MILITARY DISTRICT CMA HOW
TO CONTROL FENTON AND WHETHER YOU CAN SUPPLY HIM CYPHER IF YOU BELIEVE
EXPEDIENT IN ORDER TO EFFECT CONTROL FROM GHQ

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MARCH 22, 1943

TO : MACARTHUR

FROM : W TEN

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NO MR, NO DATE

FENTON HAS ABOUT FIVE THOUSAND RIFLES AND SOME MACHINE GUNS
MORTARS AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES. HE HAS A MINIATURE MUNITIONS PLANT
PRODUCING THREE HUNDRED ROUNDS A DAY. I COULD NOT GET ACCURATE
INFORMATION ON NIP STRENGTH BUT COMMANDER SINCE FEBRUARY TWENTY
IS GENERAL TANAKE REPEAT TANAKE. MORALE OF OUR SOLDIERS AND
CIVILIANS VERY HIGH BUT LATTER BEGINNING TO SHOW SIGNS OF STRAIN.
FOOD SITUATION BAD BUT NOT AS SERIOUS AS I THOUGHT. EXCEPT IN
SOUTH.



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MARCH 23, 1943

TO : MACARTHUR

FROM : W TEN

NO ²³ NR, NO DATE

GOVERNOR ABELLANA ESCAPED FROM JAPS LAST JANUARY SIXTEEN AND IS NOW WITH FENTON. HOWEVER THERE IS NO ATTEMPT AT CIVIL GOVERNMENT AS FENTON DESIRES AND HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OF ALL ISLAND ACTIVITIES. I AM OF THE BELIEF THAT THIS IS NOT REPEAT NOT DUE TO PERSONAL AMBITIONS BUT MERELY BECAUSE HE BELIEVES IT IS FOR THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE PEOPLE. IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE TO APPOINT ANYONE ELSE AS CO THIS TIME. HOWEVER AS SOON AS HE HAS CONTACT WITH YOU~~X~~ ADVISE HIM AGAINST BEING TOO SEVERE ON PEOPLE WHO ARE ONLY SUSPECTED OF COLLABORATING OR WHO FAIL TO COOPERATE HUNDRED PER CENT WITH HIM.



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MARCH 23, 1943

TO : MACARTHUR
FROM : W TEN
NO ²¹NR. NO DATE

CEBU PRESENTLY UNDER JOINT COMMAND OF FENTON AND JAMES CUSHING
FORMER MINING ENGINEER WHO ORGANIZED SEPARATELY AND LATER MERGED.
ALL PAPERS ETC SIGNED BY BOTH ALTHOUGH FENTON IS REALLY THE GUIDING
SPIRIT OF THE UNIT. NEITHER ACTUALLY DIRECTS OPERATIONS WHICH IS
HANDLED BY MAJOR SANCHEZ MAJOR BAURA MAJOR JAKOSALEM WHO ARE ALL
COMPETENT AND ARE SECTOR COMMANDERS NORTH CENTRAL AND SOUTH
RESPECTIVELY. ENTIRE ISLAND VERY WELL ORGANIZED AND CONTROLLED.



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24 March, 1943.

SUBJECT: Philippines.

TO : G-2.

Information Report No. 239.

1. The following message (in three parts) has been received:
 - (1) No number, no date, "W-10" to MacArthur - Reports on Cebu (Fenton and others).

2. Comment:

- (1) In order to avoid delay, I am forwarding this message without comment on personalities involved, except that we have no cards on Majors "Sanchez", "Baura" and "Jakosalem", nor upon Governors "Abellana" and "Montalibano". The Philippine Register lists several Sanchezs. This is a very common name in the Islands but General Stivers considers it doubtful as to whether any of those listed will apply. He advises requesting further information. No "Baura" nor "Jakosalem" are listed. I am contacting Major McMicking.

Regarding "W-10's" enquiries concerning cargo of the "Fifty" Party and whether he can have a radio, I suggest that he be advised that military commanders of the district concerned were instructed concerning the disposition of the equipment and that, unless further ordered from here, he should not be concerned with it. The radios sent to 10th District were for specific purposes and would not be easily transportable to Luzon.

Regarding his question on whether GHQ approval had been given his recommendations on Fenton, Abcede, etc., it is likely that our No. 23 of March 19 had not reached him prior to his transmissions to us.

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ALLISON W. IND,
Lt. Colonel,
Deputy Controller.

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Copies of message.

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6 June, 1943.

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G-2.

68 VILLAMOR.

Estimate of funds required for military purposes.
Contact with Fenton in CEBU re-established.

Believe action on request for funds should be determined in
light of policy in detail necessitated by Peralta message
No.302 now under study.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None, pending development of policy.

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JUNE 5, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR
NR 68 JUNE 4

ESTIMATE NEED HALF MILLION PESOS MONTHLY FOR ARMY ALONE.
RE PERALTAS SUGGESTION BELIEVE IT MORE PRACTICAL. FENTON
RATHER HOSTILE TO PERALTA CONSEQUENTLY COOPERATION NOT AT
BEST. CONTACT AGAIN ESTABLISHED WITH CEBU. FENTON REPORTS
NIPS ATTACKED CP FROM FIVE DIRECTIONS THREE BY SEA TWO OVER
LAND. ALSO EXTREME ABUSES BY NIPS ON CIVILIANS ESPECIALLY
WOMEN. MY CEBU MAN EXPECTED SOON.

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JUNE 24, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : Y A F

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NR 78 JUNE 23

PER CHIEF CEBU MAN WHO LEFT JUNE NINE CEBU NOT COMPLETELY
DISORGANIZED STOP ONLY EASTERN SECTOR GREATLY AFFECTED BY
JAP OPERATIONS WHICH INVOLVED LESS THAN TEN THOUSAND JAPS STOP
MOST OFFICERS AND MEN NOW IN BOHOL AND SIQUIJOR FROM CEBU CAME
FROM NORTHWEST SECTOR. THESE MAN MOSTLY DISCONTENTED AND
SEIZED OPPORTUNITY TO GO OTHER ISLANDS. FENTON AND CUSHING
STILL CO COMMANDERS. FENTON IS FEARED NOT LOVED BY HIS MEN
BUT CUSHING WELL LIKED BY ALL. CEBU DIVIDED SIX SECTORS.
NORTH UNDER BVT MAJ AGATON MELONA WHOSE AREA IS NORTH OF LINE
FROM TUBURAN TO SOGOD INCLUDING BANTAYAN STRENGTH ONE BATTALION
CP NEAR ~~BOGO~~ (POSSIBLY BOGO). NORTHEAST UNDER BVT LT COL FABIAN
SANCHEZ FORMER CAPT IN MINDANAO AREA FROM SOGOD TO COMPOSTELA
INCLUDING CAMOTES ISLAND STRENGTH ONE BATTALION CP BASAK.
NORTHWEST UNDER BVT MAJ PRIMO MANUBAG FORMER MASTER SGT AREA
TUBURAN TO BALAMPAN STRENGTH ONE BATTALION CP NEAR ASTURIAS.
EAST UNDER CUSHING BUT WORK MOSTLY DONE BY BVT LT COL RICARDO
ESTRELLA FORMER CAPT IN MINDANAO. AREA COM POST ELATO SOUTH OF
CEBU CITY STRENGTH THREE BATTALIONS RESPECTIVELY UNDER BVT MAJ
ROGACIANO ESPIRITO FORMER THIRD LT IS LOVED AND RESPECTED BY
ALL BEING MOST DARING AREA AROUND CEBU CITY STRENGTH TWO FIVE
ZERO RIFLES, TWO BATTALIONS UNDER BVT MAJOR PRATACIO TABAL
FORMER CIVILIAN BUT WORK DONE BVT MAJ MAXIMO ALBINDA FORMER
THIRD LT. TABAL RETAINED DUE TO BEING ORIGINAL ORGANIZER

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JUNE 24, 1943



TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : Y A F

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NR 78 JUNE 23 (PAGE 2)

STRENGTH ONE THOUSAND TWO NINE RIFLES. CENTRAL UNDER BVT LT COL
OLEGARIO BATURA FORMER FIRST LT AREA TOLEDO TO TALISAY AND NAGA
STRENGTH ONE BATTALION STOP SOUTH UNDER BVT MAJ MARCIANO CALDERON
WHO SUCCEEDED JAKO SALEMUD FORMER FIRST LT AREA SOUTH OF LINE
PINAMUNGAJAN TO SAN FERNANDO STRENGTH THREE BATTALIONS RESPECTIVELY
UNDER CALDERON HIMSELF, BVT CAPT VICTORINO ORCILLO FORMER THIRD
LT, BVT MAJ CATALINO ALFAFARA FORMER CAPT. TOTAL CEBU STRENGTH
OVER NINE THOUSAND MEN AND SIX FIVE THREE OFFICERS WITH ALMOST
FIVE THOUSAND RIFLES AVERAGE ONE HUNDRED RDS. THERE ARE SEVEN
ORDNANCE SHOPS PUT OUT SEVEN THOUSAND RDS MONTHLY. GRAIN SHORT-
AGE IN SOUTH BUT LIVE STOCK SHORTAGE ALL OVER. TROOPS FAIRLY
WELL TRAINED PARTICULARLY CENTRAL AREA. MORALE SLOWLY SINKING
BUT LOYALTY UNSWERVING. FENTON DOES NOT BELIEVE IN ISSUING
CURRENCY CONSEQUENTLY MEN AND GOODS NOT PAID. MARTIAL LAW IN
EFFECT AND PLAYING BALL WITH ENEMY NOT TOLERATED. THERE ARE
SIX TRANSMITTERS BUT KNOWLEDGE CIPHER SYSTEMS EXTREMELY LIMITED.
EXCHANGE INFO OTHER ISLANDS NOT WANTED. ENEMY MOSTLY IN CENTRAL
CEBU WITH GARRISONS IN CITY, DANAOG, NAGA, TOLEDO, MANDAUE AND
CAMPS FOUR FIVE SIX AND SEVEN ALONG TOLEDO TALISAY HIGHWAY. SMALLER
UNITS ALONG DANAOG TO NAGA. DOCKS IN OPON BEING USED BUILDING
LAUNCHES. ALSO IN OPON ORDNANCE SHIPS. TOTAL IN CEBU FOUR THOU-
SAND AND SICK FIFTEEN THOUSAND. THESE MOSTLY MALARIA BUT SOME
ONLY TROUBLED BLEEDING EARS. LAHUG FIELD IN USE AND PORT ALWAYS BUSY.

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JUNE 24, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : Y A F

NR 78 JUNE 23 (PAGE 3)

SEVERAL NON JAP SOLDIERS VERY RECENTLY SEEN BUT NATIONALITIES
NOT DEFINITELY ESTABLISHED.

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25 June 1943

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78 VILLAMOR

In re situation in CEBU 9 June.

An interesting report. Dispositions roughly shown on attached maps. Shows independence of leadership. Entire resistance apparently based on voluntary effort. Will bear close watching of developments.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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9 July 1943

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174 . FERTIG.

In re situation in Cebu.

I have discussed with the Cryptographic officer the possible compromise of other cypher systems resulting from the enemy interception of Fenton's. He has assured me that such compromise would be impossible.

The other day we sent a general warning to all District Commanders to review and re-inforce precautions against capture of any cypher elements, crystals or communications with this Headquarters.

Action taken:

See comment.

Action recommended:

None.

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July 9, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : FERTIG

NR 174 JULY 4

MSG RECD FROM CEBU STATION VOF QUOTE JAPS CAPTURED CODES.
MY FAMILY AND BODY GUARD KILLED OR CAPTURED. SGD FENTON
UNQUOTE NINTH MD REPORTS ON TWO FIVE JUNE ENEMY OCCUPIED
CARIGARA AND CENTRAL PORTION NORTHERN LEYTE. PROBABLY TO
REESTABLISH COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN TACLOBAN AND ORMOC. TROOPS
RESISTING WITH GUERRILLA ACTION.



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1 August 1943

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92 VILLAMOR

In re CERU inter-guerilla strife.

PARSONS advises that this matter came to a head while he was with FERTIG. That FERTIG took the necessary action immediately to restore the situation.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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JULY 31, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : VILLAMOR

NR 92 JULY 31

REPORT FROM CEBU STATES POTENTIAL CIVIL WAR BREWING DUE CAPT JAMOI WHO LEFT CEBU LAST MAY AND WENT TO SIQUIJOR NOW BACK AND ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE UNITS UNDER ORDERS FROM CUNANAN WHO WAS APPOINTED BY MORGAN AS DISTRICT COMMANDER NINTH MD. THIS APPOINTMENT MADE IN NAME OF BUT WITHOUT CONSENT OF FERTIG WHO IMMEDIATELY ISSUED ORDER. HOWEVER DAMAGE ALREADY DONE. WILL CONTACT BOTH FENTON AND JAMOI AND ATTEMPT EXPLAIN SITUATION. SUGGEST FERTIG BE DIRECTED DO SAME THROUGH COMPETENT AND DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVE

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

22 Aug 1943.

FROM: CHIEF OF STAFF

TO:

Comdr Allied Air Forces
Comdr Allied Naval Forces

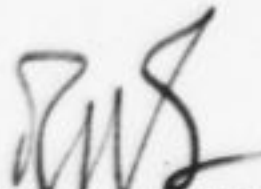
Ass't Chief of Staff G-1
Ass't Chief of Staff G-2
Ass't Chief of Staff G-3
Ass't Chief of Staff G-4
Adjutant General

FOR:

Rec. Action
Note & return
Information
File

Gen. A. J. B.
for R.R.S.

Attention invited to
Gen. C's directive,
For action


Major General, U.S.A.
Chief of Staff



GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
Mil. Int. Section, Gen. Staff

22 August 1943

TO:	For:
Commander in Chief _____	Approval _____
Chief of Staff <u>x</u> _____	Concurrence _____
Deputy Chief of Staff _____	Information _____
G-1 _____	Initials _____
G-2 _____	Issue Orders _____
G-3 _____	Nec. Action _____
G-4 _____	Signature _____
Adjutant General _____	Return to G-2 _____
A.A. Officer _____	File _____
C/Engineer Officer _____	Comment _____
C/Signal Officer _____	Circulate _____
Public Relations _____	_____
Aides de camp _____	_____
Geog. Section _____	_____
Translator Sec. _____	_____
A.I.B. _____	_____
C.O.I.C. _____	_____
U.S.A.P.F.E. _____	_____



1. I recommend against recognition of Fenton. Parsons reports he has been responsible for large scale executions on flimsy grounds, and we should not put GHQ in the position of commending his actions.

2. Cushing, a former mining engineer, seems to have a better reputation and Col. Whitney's message might be sent to him with no mention of Fenton.

3. Also recommend, in interest of radio security, that the message be materially shortened.

4. Baura was CO Central Sector in Cebu before last Jap push.

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AIB Info.
Report No. 931

ALLIED INTELLIGENCE BUREAU.
PHILIPPINE REGIONAL SECTION

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Date: 21 August 1943

Message Reference Sheet

No. 551

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TO: Chief of Staff.

Coordination: G-2

Message No. 110 from VILLAMOR

Precis: Contention between FENTON and CUSHING.

Comment: FENTON and CUSHING have done a fine job against overwhelming odds. They are entitled to encouragement - - and help when we can get it to them. But the situation, on the other hand, is somewhat delicate. In the first place, the joint command appears to be splitting up and yet the situation does not permit the recognition of either one over the other. We may be able to heal the rift. Certainly, as they are stronger united than they would be fighting each other for control, we should endeavor to do so. In the second place, there is evidence that under their command martial law has been rigidly enforced and numerous civilians executed for pro-Jap activities including persons of prominence, such as members of OSMENA's family. Situation thus suggests action guided by caution. On the other hand, the people of CEBU have and are putting up a magnificent resistance to heavy enemy pressure to pacify them. They deserve recognition for this.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Recommend despatch to VILLAMOR of following reply:

"COMMUNICATE FOLLOWING RE YOUR ONE ONE NAUGHT QUOTE PAREN MACARTHUR TO CUSHING AND FENTON PAREN I HAVE OBSERVED AS CLOSELY AS INFREQUENT COMMUNICATION FROM CEBU WOULD PERMIT THE GALLANT RESISTANCE OF THE LOYAL PEOPLE OF CEBU UNDER YOUR ABLE AND FEARLESS JOINT LEADERSHIP PD I COMMEND YOU BOTH FOR THE INDOMITABLE SPIRIT THAT HAS PROMPTED YOU IN THE CIRCUMSTANCES CMA THE DIFFICULTIES OF WHICH I AM FULLY CONSCIOUS CMA TO DEDICATE YOURSELVES SO WHOLEHEARTEDLY TO THE SERVICE OF OUR COUNTRY AND THE DEFENSE OF THE FILIPINO PEOPLE CMA A SPIRIT THAT HAS PERMITTED YOU EACH TO SUBORDINATE INDIVIDUAL AMBITION TO JOIN TOGETHER IN COMMON

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To G-2: Have short message of commendation of Cushing by various groups without mentioning names
Comments prepared
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CAUSE UNDER JOINT RESPONSIBILITY AND AUTHORITY PD PLEASE
CONVEY TO YOUR FOLLOWERS AND TO THE OTHER LOYAL PEOPLE OF
CEBU WHO HAVE GIVEN YOU UNSTINTINGLY OF THEIR SUPPORT MY
DEEP ADMIRATION FOR A LONG AND VALOROUS DEFIANCE OF AND
RESISTANCE TO POWERFUL ENEMY EFFORTS AT PACIFICATION THAT
HAS ADDED A BRILLIANT CHAPTER TO PHILIPPINE HISTORY PD TELL
THEM TO MAINTAIN THEIR COURAGE AND FAITH IN ABSOLUTE ASSURANCE
THAT I SHALL RETURN WITH THE FULL MIGHT OF AMERICA TO RELIEVE
THEM AND REESTABLISH A VICTORIOUS AND LASTING PEACE."

CW
C. W.

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AUGUST 21, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLANOR

NR 110 AUGUST 21

BAURA NOW HERE. SENT BY CUSHING TO PRESENT CEBUS PROBLEMS.
COMMAND UNDOUBTEDLY BIGGEST PROBLEM AS ALL OTHERS CAN BE SOLVED
UPON APPOINTMENT OF COMMANDER. BIGGEST FEAR IS YOU WILL NOT
RECOGNIZE THEM. UNKNOWN STANDING, LACK FINANCES AND PROPAGANDA
OTHER UNITS THEY ARE RECOGNIZED WITH PROMISES OF PAY AND
COMMISSIONS OR PROMOTIONS AFFECTING THEIR FORCES ADVERSELY.
THEY ARE ALL PLEADING A DISTRICT COMMANDER BE APPOINTED AS
ONLY THIS WILL AVOID DISASTER. THOUGH NOT MENTIONED APPARENTLY
THERE NOW EXISTS MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN FENTON AND CUSHING.
FOLLOWING PER BAURA: FENTON NOW ALMOST DESERTED, BULK FORCES
FAVOR CUSHING, PRESENT TRIP UNKNOWN TO FENTON WHO IS IN HIDING
NORTH CEBU. IF YOU DO NOT WISH APPOINT COMMANDER YET STRONGLY
RECOMMEND YOU SEND ENCOURAGING MESSAGE TO CEBU. BAURA WAITING
FOR INSTRUCTIONS.



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SEPTEMBER 2, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : VILLAMOR

NR 114 SEPTEMBER 2

CUSHING JUST ARRIVED. STATES THAT THEIR PRESENT SITUATION REQUIRES IMMEDIATE SOLUTION ELSE TOTAL COLLAPSE CEBU FORCES INEVITABLE. CLAIMS THAT MAJORITY FORCES WILL NO LONGER OBEY FENTON WHOSE LIFE IS IN DANGER. BELIEVES THAT IMMEDIATE FINANCIAL AID WILL BE OF INCALCULABLE VALUE IN MAINTAINING UNITY AND IS EVEN MORE VITAL THAN COMMAND QUESTION. HAVE ALREADY EXPLAINED YOUR POLICIES BUT HE REQUESTS SPECIAL AUTHORITY FOR CEBU FORCES TO ISSUE MONEY PENDING SETTLEMENT COMMAND QUESTION. STRONGLY MAINTAINS CIVIL GOVT NOT FEASIBLE DUE LOCAL CONDITIONS WHICH ENABLES JAPS PENETRATE ANY WHERE AND INABILITY ARMY TO PROTECT CIVIL OFFICIALS. AWAITING YOUR INSTRUCTIONS.



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See 115 attached.

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SEPTEMBER 2, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR
NR 115 SEPTEMBER 2



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PERSONAL OBSERVATIONS RE CEBU CASE. BREAK BETWEEN CUSHING AND FENTON CONFIRMED BY CUSHING HIMSELF WHO CLAIMS HE HAS ALWAYS DISAGREED WITH FENTONS RUTHLESS ANTI-COLLABORATIONIST POLICY. ASKED WHY BREAK DID NOT COME EARLIER REPLIED HE PREFERRED LESSER OF TWO EVILS AS HE FELT BREAK WOULD BE DISASTROUS. PERSONALLY DO NOT BELIEVE HE IS AFTER COMMAND AS EVIDENCED BY REPEATED REFUSAL TO DO SO AT FENTONS OFFERS DUE SENIORITY AND ALSO FACT HE REALIZES DELICACY AND DANGER IN DOING SO NOW. AGREE WITH HIM SOLUTION IMPERATIVE PARTICULARLY SINCE HE CAME AFTER NOTIFYING FENTON WHO ADVISED AGAINST IT WHICH FACT WILL UNDOUBTEDLY LEAD TO CIVIL WAR WHEN HE RETURNS. DO NOT RECOMMEND HIM FOR COMMAND AT LEAST FOR THE PRESENT FOR OBVIOUS REASONS. ALTHOUGH NEED OF FINANCIAL AID IS EVIDENTLY URGENT YET DO NOT RECOMMEND APPROVAL HIS REQUEST PRINT MONEY TILL COMMAND QUESTION IS SETTLED AS THIS MAY PUT YOUR AND PHIL GOVT IN A SPOT. COMMANDER SHOULD BE PICKED FROM LOCAL OFFICERS AS APPOINTMENT OF AN OUTSIDER WOULD BE MOST DETRIMENTAL TO MORALE AND NOT CONDUCIVE TO COOPERATION BUT DELICACY PRESENT SITUATION INCREASES DIFFICULTY IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS. SUGGEST YOU ISSUE ORDER DIRECTING FENTON SUBMIT REPORT TO ENABLE ME CLARIFY SITUATION SOME MORE.

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7 September 1943

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VILLAMOR

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In re CUSHING's visit to VILLAMOR

I indicated receipt of these important messages on CEBU last Friday. Since then, I have been developing such information as is available to us on the situation. It is all too meager.

Of CEBU, Commander PARSONS in his recent reports comments:

"Eighth District (Cebu and Bohol): This District has been the outstanding sore spot in the guerilla movement in the Philippines. It is especially unfortunate that this district has not been handled along well directed lines as have the other districts, as it is in the hands of American leaders, and their ill-advised program has acted as a black mark on American initiative and effort in the Islands. It appears that the two American leaders of the guerilla forces - - Fenton and Cushing - - have let their ideas of justice follow lines of imagination based upon the "law of the west" where executions and hanging have been indulged in considerably. The result has been a recorded list of over 100 executions of citizens for their alleged pro-Japanese activities amongst whom were several influential people - - including one son of the vice president of the Philippines. This form of judgement and justice resulted in the terrorization of the people in the free areas, and forced them to move into Cebu City to seek protection of the enemy, in order to avoid the risk of running afoul of the guerilla "justice."

"Aside from the executions and resultant terrorizing of the people in the unoccupied areas, Fenton and Cushing may be said to have unified all units under their joint control (they are co-commanders), and have undoubtedly bothered the enemy considerably with their aggressive warfare - - so much so that during the month of April 1943, the Japanese considered it necessary to send a substantial force of reserves to Cebu and conducted a strong campaign against the guerillas. It is reported that the men in the organization follow their leaders well, and that they have been well-trained and led. It may also be said that Fenton and Cushing undoubtedly were sincere in their ideas of executing all people whom

*Thaction at present
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they considered pro-Japanese. It is unfortunate their ideas of "pro-Japanese" activities included any official who had served as a puppet official amongst whom were undoubtedly innocent and loyal people."

"With reference to executions, so conspicuous on Cebu and continuing there until the recent enemy campaign, does not mean to infer that none have occurred in other districts. Apparently, when the guerillas were but a series of bands roaming the country, and before their unification by the officers who have eventually taken charge (and responsibility) quite a number of killings are reported following hasty judgement on "pro-Japanese" cases, as well as extending into the killing of personal enemies in several cases. A stop was made to executions by the commanders of the guerillas forces as they were banded together into a formal organization, and today none are permitted in the recognized districts, nor in the districts that may qualify for recognition, such as the 9th, and possibly the 5th."

"At the present time, both Fenton and Cushing are hiding in the mountains and their organization has been disrupted by the campaign waged against them starting in April. Some of their men have evacuated and deserted to Negros and Siquijor. Fenton and Cushing expect to gather together the forces in the near future, or as soon as enemy pressure slackens. Incidentally, they have told their men that they command a recognized district and that they are in touch with Gen. MacArthur, and have received his support for their activities. In this connection, it is felt that the situation in Cebu is such that the SWPA cannot afford to recognize the district under the leadership of Fenton and Cushing nor to give recognition to the guerilla units until a new leadership may be arranged."

This is by far the most authoritative information on the subject that is available to us. To it might be added the following extracts from VILLAMOR message No. 78, dated 24 June 43:

1. "Fenton is feared not loved by his men but Cushing well liked by all."
2. "Total Cebu strength (guerilla) over nine thousand men and six five three officers with almost five thousand rifles, average one hundred rds. There are seven ordnance shops put out seven thousand rds monthly. Grain shortage in south but live stock shortage all over. Troops fairly well trained particularly central area. Morale slowly sinking but loyalty unswerving. Fenton does not believe in issuing currency consequently men and goods not paid. Martial law in effect and playing ball with enemy not tolerated."

Further more, it should be pointed out that civil officials of Cebu are all under enemy control with a type of martial law enforced in the areas under guerilla control.

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Guerilla action has been more aggressively offensive than in other areas and hence has been less of a stabilized character that would permit civil government under guerilla sponser and protection.

Apparently, the strong point to the guerilla movement in Cebu has been the great number of soldiers from the relatively large pre-surrender garrison that refused to surrender and instead took to the hills (note, estimate of 5,000 rifles). The shame has been that they have been under ill-advised leadership.

It may be that from the Negros conference now projected, a leader can be found who can be sent into Cebu for the purpose of assuming leadership under the blessing and policies of the C-in-C. This may be but wishful thinking, but I am hopeful that the way may open up to take full advantage of the forces and spirit that are apparently available to us in Cebu.

In so far as the immediate question is concerned, I recommend continued caution.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Despatch reply to Villamor to the effect that the issuance of currency is a function of the Commonwealth Government. (I don't particularly like this solution, but it seems to be the safest course at this time.)

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130 VILLANOR

Re re VILLANOR request for decision on matter of CUSHING and CEBU finances.

VILLANOR has presented this matter three times. Decision has been made to take no action at this time. Does the C-in-C desire that any special communication be sent on the subject?

no indication

Action taken: None.

Action recommended: See above comment.

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SEPTEMBER 17, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR

NR 130 SEPTEMBER 17

YOUR DECISION ON OUR CASE IN CEBU EARNESTLY REQUESTED IN VIEW
UNUSUAL CONDITIONS NOW PREVAILING IN THAT ISLAND. MONEY IS
URGENTLY NEEDED AND IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN HELPING TO KEEP
THE PEOPLE TOGETHER DURING THIS CRUCIAL PERIOD.

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132 VILLAMOR

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In re enemy action in CEBU.

FERTIG in his message No. 290, 17 September, reports "CEBU BEING DEVELOPED AS CENTER OF RESISTANCE WITH ENEMY FORTIFYING IN MOUNTAINS."

This message from VILLAMOR affords substantial confirmation of FERTIG's report.

It may be the purpose of the enemy to provide themselves with a strongly entrenched position in the VISAYAS - - may even indicate a complete change in enemy defensive strategy. G-2 can, of course, better evaluate the move, but from this desk it suggests the necessity for the closest possible observation of the situation in CEBU as it develops.

We now have with VILLAMOR the outstanding "strong man" from CEBU, CUSHING, who apparently has the support of the loyal troops committed to guerilla action (estimated to number 5,000 rifles), or the majority of them. He is pleading for funds with which to support the guerilla movement and recognition by General MacARTHUR of his authority to reorganize.

While his joint leadership with FENTON is answerable for past ill-advised action, I believe present policy should be shaped realistically in the light of conditions and our military requirements, foremost of which is accurate information on which G-2 may base an evaluation of enemy intentions, plans and moves, which may prove of deep significance. I know of no one in better position to organize the requisite intelligence net to serve the purpose than CUSHING who already has the benefit of a substantial and war-tested following on the Island.

Commander PARSONS has no use for CUSHING because of his ill-advised leadership and the fact that he was little more than a "beachcomber" in pre-War days and has strongly recommended against



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any form of recognition of him by the C-in-C. However, there is no question of choice before us. Furthermore, our own history gives us examples of men exhibiting little strength in peace who emerge with great strength in War. Examples: GRANT.

CEBU since 9 June 43 has been under the intelligence responsibility of the 7th Military District (our message to FERTIG, No. 79, 22nd June 43). However, GADOR will have his hands full reorganizing that district.

If significance is given to the developments in the enemy situation in CEBU as reported, I strongly advise the reshaping of our CEBU policy along the lines hereinafter recommended.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

- a. Transfer 8th Military District (CEBU and BOHOL) to the Commander of the 10th Military District (FERTIG) for intelligence purposes.
- b. Have FERTIG deputize CUSHING to organize cohesive intelligence net among the loyal CEBU guerillas on whom he can count for support.
- c. Finance and equip CUSHING through FERTIG or GADOR, or both, and instruct him to radio full reports on enemy activity to FERTIG for transmission here.
- d. Instruct FERTIG to pay particular attention to the situation, facilitate CUSHING by all possible means, and give us the benefit of any evaluation he can give to information as it is developed.

The foregoing recommendations deal only with the reshaping of policy incident to the development of intelligence. I believe in other respects existing policy should remain unchanged. If 5,000 rifles in the hands of loyal men can harass the enemy in his moves, why not? - - Even if we are unable at this time to give them support leadership or direction.

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C O P Y

20 SEPT 43

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : VILLAMOR

NR 132 SEPTEMBER 20

MY MAN IN BOHOL REPORTS SANTANDER IN CEBU NOW OCCUPIED WITH INDICATIONS WHOLE ISLAND WILL BE OVER-RUN. GOVERNOR ABELLANA OF CEBU NOW IN BOHOL WITH EIGHT OFFICERS. FENTON IS REPORTED HELD BY OWN MEN



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SEPTEMBER 21, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR

NR 134 SEPTEMBER 20,

CUSHING CONTEMPLATES RETURNING TO CEBU AND ASSUME RESPONSIBILITY FOR PRINTING SCRIPT MONEY. HE FEELS FINANCIAL AID IS MOST IMPERATIVE AND MUST BE HAD RIGHT AWAY. ALL REPORTS ACTUALLY INDICATE MONEY IS NOW ESSENTIAL TO KEEP BODY AND SOUL TOGETHER. IN VIEW THIS DEPLORABLE CONDITION PRODUCED BY MOST UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES THROUGH NO FAULT OF THE PEOPLE NOR THE OFFICERS AND MEN OF CEBU, RECOMMEND THAT PRESIDENT QUEZON DIRECT GOVERNOR ABELLANA NOW IN BOHOL TRYING TO RAISE MONEY, TO CREATE CURRENCY BOARD TO ACT RIGHT AWAY ON CEBU'S MOST IMMEDIATE NEEDS.

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In re matter of CEBU finances.

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21 Sept 43

1. Attached message No. 134, 20th Sept from VILLAMOR should be considered in connection with the C-in-C's desire to find a way to send funds to CEBU without taking any position in the conflict for guerilla leadership. (See C-in-C's comment on my Action Sheet No. 658, attached)

2. Of Governor ABELLANA, VILLAMOR in his message No. 23, 23 March 43 advised:

"GOVERNOR ABELLANA ESCAPED FROM JAPS LAST JANUARY SIXTEENTH AND IS NOW WITH FENTON PD HOWEVER THERE IS NO ATTEMPT AT CIVIL GOVERNMENT AS FENTON DESIRES AND HAS COMPLETE CONTROL OF ALL ISLAND ACTIVITIES....."

And in his message No. 132, 20 Sept that:

"GOVERNOR ABELLANA OF CEBU NOW IN BOHOL WITH EIGHT OFFICERS."

Governor ABELLANA has obviously been loyal throughout and hence he is entitled to be considered in connection with any study of fiscal policy to meet the Island's requirements.

3. Civil government in CEBU having been suppressed from the start, I doubt that VILLAMOR's suggestion that QUEZON authorize the creation of a currency board would in itself be adequate, although the situation in CEBU is far from clear. For instance, in his last mentioned message VILLAMOR reported further:

"MY MAN IN BOHOL REPORTS SANTANDER IN CEBU NOW OCCUPIED WITH INDICATION WHOLE ISLAND WILL BE OVERRUN....."

Obviously, if that report reflects the true situation, neither the Governor nor a Currency Board could function with any degree of security, if it could function at all.

4. However, with a loyal Governor and the leader of the guerilla forces both available to us, it should not be difficult to find a solution to meet the desires of the C-in-C in the matter.

5. I am rather impressed with CUSHING's anxiety and determination to get back to CEBU to work the matter out on his own authority and responsibility with the limited resources available to him. That elevates him considerably

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in my estimation and reinforces my conviction that he is the one to whom we should look to keep us informed on enemy moves in CEBU.

6. I recommend:

g. That arrangements be made to have both Governor ABELLANA and CUSHING proceed to FERTIG's headquarters and there, with FERTIG's advice and counsel, work out a solution for consideration of the C-in-C.

Governor ABELLANA is now looking for currency in BOHOL - - CUSHING in NEGROS - - neither one will find it as currency is about the most scarce of all commodities in the free areas of the Philippines today. Hence, the delay incident to such a conference would not adversely affect the main purpose of both to provide substantial fiscal relief for the people of CEBU.

h. That growing out of such a conference, Governor ABELLANA be put in an analogous position in CEBU as that held by CONFESSOR in PANAY, with headquarters either in BOHOL or MINDANAO, if it is impracticable for him to return to CEBU, and that CUSHING draw upon him for funds to support his military forces incorporated in an intelligence net, if the principle of that plan recommended by my note on VILLAMOR's message No. 132, 20 Sept (copy attached) is approved. The matter of sustaining elements of the army not employed for intelligence purposes could be made the subject of further study as the situation clarifies, or could be handled through some other experienced officer neutral as between CUSHING and FENTON. In this the advice of Governor ABELLANA would be of great value.

7. In the manner recommended, the C-in-C would be giving effective support to the civil authority represented in the person of Governor ABELLANA, and to the military forces represented in the person of a co-commander thereof, without being drawn into the conflict between CUSHING and FENTON.

8. Of course, it is possible that such a conference as that suggested would bring to light information not now before the C-in-C that would suggest a different remedy, but if it did, the conference would have well served its purpose. In fact to such a conference the C-in-C could address such questions as he desired, to give further needed clarity to the situation.

9. It is possible that CUSHING would be reluctant to remain longer away from his forces but if he were doing so under direct instructions from the C-in-C his prestige with the men would increase to a point to overshadow

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any threat from his prolonged absence.

10. I would like too to see an opportunity for a heartening message to go from the C-in-C to those soldiers who have so long refused to surrender despite the crushing enemy pressure upon them to do so.

11. The messages to be despatched to put the recommendations herein embodied into effect would be merely, "I desire that...." etc., etc.; hence would not need to be submitted for your further approval, although the message to Governor ABELLANA should contain a work of personal greeting.

12. Time does not permit me to go further into this matter at this time as the courier mail is about to close, but if the C-in-C will but authorize arranging for suggested conference at FERTIG's headquarters, we can continue studies that will, I am sure, effect a solution to his full satisfaction. In this, I will consult with Dr. HAYDEN from whom I look for much help in these matters. Meanwhile, I have wired VILLAMOR to hold CUSHING at his headquarters pending your decision in the matter.

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Mess fr Villamor No. 132.



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142 VILLAMOR

In re CUSHING's movements.

No reason for any misunderstanding of our message addressed to
ARCEDE which reads:

"DESIRE THAT YOU PROCEED TO FERTIG'S HEADQUARTERS PAREN
MACARTHUR TO CUSHING PAREN TO THERE MEET GOVERNOR ABELLANA
AND WORK OUT A SOLUTION FOR THE FISCAL RELIEF OF CEBU TO
SUBMIT FOR MY CONSIDERATION."

However, will clarify for VILLAMOR's information.

Action taken:

See above comment.

Action recommended:

None.

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OCTOBER 3, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FRM : VILLAMOR
NR 142 OCTOBER 3

CUSHING RECEIVED MSG FROM ABCEDA INFORMING HIM YOU
DESIRE HE RETURN CEBU. CONFER WITH ABELLANA TO
DRAFT FELICE OF CEBU TO BE SUBMITTED FOR YOUR
CONSIDERATION. JUST AS HE WAS ABOUT TO LEAVE ANOTHER
MSG FROM ABCEDA STATED FERTIG HAD JUST WIRED HIM ASKING
HIM TO INFORM CUSHING THAT YOU DESIRE HE PROCEED TO
INDANGAN FOR CONFAB WITH ABELLANAS. AS OF FOUR DAYS
AGO ABELLANA WAS STILL IN BOHOL. CLARIFICATION
REQUESTED.

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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR
NR 147 OCTOBER 4



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CUSHING NOW THINKING WE ARE GIVING HIM THE RUN-
AROUND IN VIEW OF FERTIG'S ENTRY INTO THE PICTURE
ON TOP OF FACT YOUR ORDERS DIRECTING HIM RETURN
CEBU CAME THROUGH ABCEDE AND NOT THROUGH ME. HE
DOES NOT KNOW REAL REASON OF MY DEPARTURE FROM BASE
AND IS QUITE NATURALLY PERPLEXED AS TO WHY YOUR
MESSAGES FOR HIM ARE COURSED THROUGH OTHER PEOPLE
ONE OF WHOM IS USING MY STATION FOR CONTACT WITH
YOU. THE WHOLE THING IS REALLY EMBARRASING AND
MAY CAUSE GRAVE MISUNDERSTANDINGS. REQUEST THEREFORE
EARLY CLARIFICATION OF APPARENTLY CONFLICTING ORDERS.

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5 October 1943

PRS CW/jga

TO : VILLAMOR
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 106

REASON FOR MISUNDERSTANDING NOT CLEAR PAREN YOUR ONE FOUR SEVEN PAREN
AS MY MESSAGE TO CUSHING THROUGH ABCIDE EXPRESSED DESIRE THAT HE PROCEED TO
FERTIG'S HEADQUARTERS



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*Sent Oct 5th
CCF.*

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358 FERTIG

In re enemy dispositions in CEBU.

Charles CUSHING was not the LUZON guerilla leader reported killed - - his name was WALTER. Charles is somewhat of a weak sister.

Action taken

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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OCTOBER 9, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : FERTIG

NR 358 OCT 8

CHARLES JOSEPH CUSHING GUERRILLA LEADER IN LUZON WAS ALIVE AND IN CEBU ON SEVEN JULY TO PERSUADE JAMES CUSHING TO SURRENDER. CEBU INFO - MEDALLIN AND TUBURAN. AIRFIELDS ARE NOT USED. LANUG RUNWAYS BEING CONCRETED. LABORERS BROUGHT FROM PAMPANGA. TWENTY PLANES, ZEROS AND NINETY EIGHTS STATIONED THERE. GAS AND OIL CAMOUFLAGED IN SCATTERED DUMPS WITH EARTH AND VEGETATION. AA GUNS AT GO CHAN HILL ABOVE FIELD. ALSO GUNS ON SHELIC ISLAND AND AT CEMENT PLANT AT NAGA.

TWO CRUISERS STATIONED CEBU (FERTIG THINKS GUNBOATS).

LUTOPAN COPPER MINE BEING WORKED.

GARRISONS OUTSIDE CITY - FOURTEEN GARRISONS, BETWEEN TOLEDO AND CEBU, ALONG MOUNTAIN ROAD AVERAGE ONE HUNDRED MEN: ASTURIAS ABT ONE THOUSAND MC AND ENGRS: GARRISONS FROM MINGLANILLA ON SOUTH TO DANAQ ON NORTH: SAN FERNANDO NO PERMANENT GARRISON: SIX HUNDRED JAPS IN TOLEDO.

RAILROAD OPERATING BETWEEN NAGA AND DANAQ.

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VILLAMOR

In re CUSHING trip to FERTIG's headquarters.

Note that this message is from CUSHING. I rather believe that CUSHING's reluctance to go to 10th M.D. flows from distrust among guerilla leaders rather than from illness. The only way to develop mutual trust and understanding leading to cooperative effort is to get them together when possible.

Action taken

None.

Action recommended:

Advise CUSHING that C-in-C desires him to go personally if possible.

sent 14 Oct



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OCT. 10, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR
NR 152 OCTOBER 9

AM PROCEEDING (CUSHING TO MACARTHUR) TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT
VIA CEBU TO OBTAIN NECESSARY PAPERS. TRIP WILL BE SOMEWHAT
DELAYED AS AM STILL SUFFERING EFFECTS OF MALARIA. PLS ADVISE
IF A RESPONSIBLE CEBU OFFICER COULD REPLACE ME FOR CEBU FISCAL
RELIEF CONFERENCE.

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VILLAMOR

In re Governor ABELLANA of CEBU.

The fact that this message came through VILLAMOR instead of FERTIG who conveyed the C-in-C's message to Governor ABELLANA probably discloses again the distrust among guerilla leaders (CUSHING's hesitation about going to FERTIG's headquarters). Believe we should hold the same course charted and get these people together if we are ever going to overcome this mutual distrust and suspicion which is a thorn in the side of cooperative effort.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Advise Governor ABELLANA that it is the desire of the C-in-C that he personally attend the proposed conference at FERTIG's headquarters and that FERTIG had been directed to make every possible arrangement to insure his safe arrival.

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OCTOBER 13, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : VILLAMOR

NR 156 OCTOBER 13

FROM ABELLANA TO MACARTHUR QUOTE. TRAVEL TO MINDANAO AT
PRESENT LIABLE TO HAVE UNPLEASANT RESULTS. CANNOT AFFORD
TO RISK FALLING INTO ENEMY HANDS. HOWEVER, IF MY PRESENCE
THERE IS IMPERATIVE I WILL TRY MY BEST TO FIND MEANS TO MAKE
IT. AS ADVANCE INFORMATION CEBU NEEDS ONE MILLION PESOS
RELIEF FOR SIX MONTHS

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PRS CW/jgs

TO : ABCEDE
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 13

MACARTHUR TO CUSHING FOLLOWING MESSAGE QUOTE DESIRE THAT YOU
PERSONALLY ATTEND CONFERENCE AT PERTIGS HEADQUARTERS



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In re confirmation from ANDREWS of FENTON's execution.

The importance of this message lies in the fact that radio communication with CEBU has been reestablished. I will ascertain what CEBU radio station has made the contact and get what information is available on that situation.

I have previously wired ABCDE to get what further information as is possible on the circumstances surrounding FENTON's execution. This message from ANDREWS confirms the fact that he was executed.

Note that CUSHING has gone to FERTIG's headquarters via CEBU. This is an interesting move and is both an act of courage and self-assurance in view of FENTON's fate. Developments to follow will be of great interest.

Action taken

See comment.

Action recommended:

None.

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OCTOBER 29, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : Y A F
NR 178 OCTOBER 29

HAVE ESTABLISHED CONTACT WITH CEBU OCT TWO EIGHT. EXECUTION
OF FENTON CONFIRMED BY THEIR FIRST MESSAGE. CUSHING ON
WAY TO TENTH MILITARY DISTRICT VIA CEBU HAS NOT YET REACHED
CEBU.

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29 ABCED

In re FENTON's execution.

This message gives preliminary information on FENTON's execution. When further details are received I will submit a full report thereon.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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NOVEMBER 3, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ABCEDE
NR : 29 OCTOBER 28

PRELIMINARY FACT ON FENTON: WAS ARRESTED BY MAJOR ESPIRITU CMDR
OF GEN HQRS BATTALION IN CENTRAL CEBU SECTOR AFTER CUSHING LEFT
FOR NEGROS EARLY LAST AUGUST ON CHARGES ORDERING EXECUTION OF
CERTAIN IRISH PRIEST FATHER DRUM WHO EVACUATED FROM CEBU CITY.
PRIEST BELIEVED INNOCENT OF FENTONS CHARGE OF ESPIONAGE



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ANDREWS

In re enemy dispositions in CEBU.

An interesting report on CEBU. You will recall that CUSHING is now enroute to FERTIG's Headquarters via CEBU. In view of FENTON's reported execution, if CUSHING survives his return, it will be a good indication of his undisputed leadership over the CEBU Forces. In such event, it might be worthwhile for the C-in-C to consider recognizing CUSHING as Commander of the CEBU Area Command. All of our information tends to fix the primary blame for ill-considered executions on FENTON despite the co-commandership existing. The CEBU forces have put of such a splendid resistance against heavy enemy pressure that some recognition by and aid from the C-in-C is due them if the situation clarifies sufficiently to reasonably permit. Leadership question would appear to bear close watching.

At the same time, it is helpful to have the name of ESTRELLA, his second in command. VILLAMOR reported to us on 23 June that he was a close advisor of CUSHING -- formerly was a Captain in MINDANAO.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.



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NOVEMBER 6, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS
NR 184 NOVEMBER 5



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CEBU CONTACT REFERENCE OUR ONE SEVEN EIGHT IS WITH CUSHING'S STATION PETER NEGAT MIKE NOW UNDER BVT LT COL. ESTRELLA WHO COMMANDS CEBU FORCES PENDING RETURN OF CUSHING. FRIENDLY FORCES NORTH CEBU INTACT AND ARE NOW LYING LOW IN NORTHWESTERN SECTOR. STOP CENTRAL SECTOR ALONG CEBU-TOLEDO ROAD IN PROCESS OF REORGANIZATION. SOUTHERN CEBU FORCES COMPLETELY DISPERSED WITH MAJORITY IN BOHOL AND ORIENTAL NEGROS. DUE TO RECENT DISORGANIZATION COMPLETE ENEMY INFO NOT YET OBTAINABLE BUT PER BVT LT COL. SAN CHEZ, LATELY IN BOHOL, EIGHTY THOUSAND NIPS WERE WITHDRAWN FROM CEBU TWO ONE OCTOBER REDUCING ISLAND STRENGTH TO AROUND FIVE THOUSAND. NEARLY ALL CHANNEL TOWNS GARRISONED. ENEMY POSITIONS IN THE INTERIOR ALONG CEBU-TOLEDO ROAD ONLY. MORE DETAILS COMING LATER.

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(?) FERTIG & PARSONS

In re ABELLANA-CUSHING Conference.

I have wired to hold ABELLANA at FERTIG's headquarters pending your further instructions following response to our direct inquiries as to CUSHING's whereabouts. (We have radio contact with CEEU through ANDREES). FERTIG & PARSONS do not like CUSHING with a possible resulting tendency to usher ABELLANA out of the projected conference picture before giving adequate time for CUSHING to arrive. Further application of the old inter-guerilla suspicion and jealous rivalry. Cmdr. PARSONS sometimes shows signs of being as much guerillaised as any of them -- has to be checked lest his enthusiasm for one operate to the unnecessary disadvantage of the other.

Action taken:

See comment above.

Action recommended:

None.

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2 December 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : FERTIG AND PARSONS
NR : MISSING 30 NOVEMBER

CONFERENCE HERE WITH ABELLANA AND LOPEZ. CUSHING STILL UNHEARD. WILL
BRING ALL INFORMATION. ABELLANA LOPEZ RETURNING TO CEBU VIA BOHOL. FOLLOWING FROM
GOVERNOR ABELLANA FOR GENERAL MACARTHUR: "PEOPLE OF CEBU HEROICALLY RESISTING
JAPANESE OCCUPATION SEND THEIR GREETINGS TO YOU AND ANXIOUSLY AWAIT YOUR EARLY
RETURN."

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In re CUSHING's whereabouts.

This is better. Message indicates that CUSHING has received the C-in-C's instructions which will be complied with. Meanwhile, I instructed FERTIG to hold Gov. ABELLANO at his headquarters pending CUSHING's arrival.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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DECEMBER 6, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS
NR 210 DEC. 5, 1943
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FOLLOWING FROM CUSHING NOW IN CEBU QUOTE CUSHING TO
MACARTHUR: COURIER OF YOUR MESSAGE QUOTE CUSHING REPORT
IN PERSON TO FERTIG END UNQUOTE DELIBERATELY GIVEN WRONG
ROUTE BY FRIENDLY UNIT. THIS DELAY OF COURIER TO CONTACT
ME MADE IT IMPOSSIBLE TO CHANGE TO DIRECT ROUTE TO FERTIG
HEADQUARTERS UNQUOTE. CUSHING STATED CONDITIONS IN CEBU
ON HIS ARRIVAL REQUIRE HIM TO STAY EIGHT TO TEN DAYS
STOP OVER



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In re message from CUSHING.

CUSHING is confronted with terrific obstacles. Yet he is showing courage, determination and complete assurance that the forces and people of CEBU will follow his leadership.

On 5 Aug 43, the C-in-C dispatched following identical message to Commanders

"FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND NECESSARY ACTION CLN CUSHING FROM CEBU ADVISES THAT AGENTS OF OTHER COMMANDERS ARE INFLUENCING HIS MEN TO LEAVE HIS COMMAND FOR SERVICE ELSEWHERE CMA POINTS OUT THAT SUCH ACTION IS UNDERMINING HIS CONTROL CMA REQUESTS APPROPRIATE REMEDIAL ACTION"

Message does not appear to be addressed to the C-in-C and I believe no action is indicated at this time. I view it of the utmost urgency that plans heretofore approved to get ABELLANA, CUSHING and FERTIG together materialize. That is the only way to transform the existing mutual distrust and suspicion into mutual understanding and cooperation with its consequent strengthening of the whole of the VISAYAN-MINDANAO area. This was proved during recent conferences between FERTIG, KANGLEON, INGINIERO, ABELLANA and LOPEZ. PARSONS reports that such conferences started off with a chilly atmosphere in which every man was obviously playing for personal position -- ended with a warmth of understanding and accord, petty differences, which had kept individuals poles apart, being quickly swept away through the opportunity thereby afforded of understanding the others' problems. Monetary allowances and other administrative matters which cause discontent, where forces in one area are believed to fare better than in another area, were standardized -- problems of supply and communication simplified, etc., etc.

The whole situation insofar as MINDANAO and the Eastern VISAYAS was strengthened by such conferences and if the same procedure can be applied with respect to the leaders of CEBU, NEGROS and PANAY, the C-in-C will have an infinitely stronger hand to play in the whole area south of LUZON. I cannot help but feel that a conference of such leaders at some time on board the NARWHAL is the answer.

Action taken: None.

Action recommended: None.



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DECEMBER 17, 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS
NR : 222 DECEMBER 17

FOLLOWING RECEIVED FROM CUSHING FOURTEENTH DEC: QUOTE
UNLESS IMMEDIATE IDENTICAL NOTICE BY MACARTHUR BE GIVEN
ALL PROVINCES, WE WILL TAKE DECISIVE STEPS EXTENT OF
GENERAL COURT MARTIAL TO ERADICATE ELEMENTS UNDERMINING
CEBU FORCE SUCH AS COLLECTING ARMS AND AMMO OR INDUCING
OUR MEN TO DESERT US. GOV ABELLANA NOW IN MINDANAO CON-
FUSES OUR OFFICERS BY ASSIGNMENTS MISREPRESENTING OUR
ACTUAL SITUATION. AM STRIVING TO CARRY OUT MISSION FROM
MACARTHUR BUT AS EXPLAINED BEFORE AM FORCED TO STAY HERE
TILL I CAN FEEL WE CAN CARRY ORGANISATION THRU THIS
CRISIS. UNQUOTE. MY AGENT CEBU REPORTS TIMELY ARRIVAL
CUSHING THERE PREVENTED COMPLETE DISORGANIZATION ESPE-
CIALLY OVER EXECUTION OF FENTON AND OTHER CEBU OFFICERS.
THIS BEING LOOKED INTO BY CUSHING AS ESTRELLA WHO HAD
ARRESTED, TRIED, AND EXECUTED FENTON WAS REACHING SEC-
TIONALISM WHICH MAY HAVE DISASTROUS RESULTS FOR CEBU.

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49 ABCEDE

In re FENTON's execution.

None.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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20 DECEMBER 1943

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ABCEDE

NR 49 18 DECEMBER

REFERENCE FENTON: HE TOOK FOR HIS WOMAN, WIFE OF ONE OF HIS BODYGUARDS, THIS BODYGUARD REVENGED BY BETRAYING FENTON TO JAPANESE WHOM HE EVADED WHEN THEY SURROUNDED HIM. CEBU SOLDIERS CAPTURED AND SHOT HIM IN HIS HIDING SOME TIME LATE OCTOBER FOR NUMEROUS GRIEVANCES AGAINST HIM INCLUDING ALLEGED SHOOTINGS ORDERED BY FENTON. CEBU PEOPLE GLAD OF ELIMINATION OF FENTON, HOPING THIS WILL UNIFY THE 8TH MILITARY DISTRICT.

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234 ANDREWS

In re CUSHING's appeal for assistance.

This is the first appeal for assistance from CUSHING or his forces that I am aware of. It should be considered in connection with entire matter now pending decision.

Tone employed may call for modification of message proposed. CUSHING's position is a difficult one for which allowances should be made however.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

See comment.

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21 JANUARY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS
NR : 234 20 JANUARY

FOLLOWING MESSAGE FOR MACARTHUR RECEIVED FROM CUSHING:
QUOTE. CEBU HAS RECEIVED EIGHTEEN INCENDIARIES AND TWO HAND
GRENADES. UNDERCOVER AND LIAISON OFFICERS PASSING CEBU BOAST
LARGE QUANTITY ARMS BEING RECEIVED BY OTHER PROVINCES. THE
TAKING OF ARMS BY OTHER PROVINCES AND OTHER PROPAGANDA MAKES
IT HARD TO MAINTAIN MORALE OF UNIT WHICH IS CONSTANTLY FIGHTING
FOR ITS LIFE. WE HAVE ASKED FOR THIRTY CALIBER AMMO AND FUNDS.
IF THESE NOT AVAILABLE, AT LEAST ONE AMERICAN LIAISON OFFICER
OR AGENT FROM YOU WILLING TO UNDERGO OUR PRIVATIONS SHOULD BE
SENT TO US. UNQUOTE.



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14 **INGINIERO**

In re executions in CEBU.

ESTRELLA was formerly CUSHING's Chief of Staff. There is no suggestion that executions followed formal trial. I believe it will be necessary to instruct CUSHING to comply with military formalities once he has acknowledged his appointment as Area Commander. Thereafter there will be a measure of moral responsibility resting on this headquarters in such matters -- at least in the eyes of the people.

I will send up a message recommended for dispatch at the appropriate time.

Action taken

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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22 JANUARY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : INGINIERO

NR 14

ACCORDING TO RELIABLE SOURCE LT.-COL. RECARIDO ESTRELLA CAPT. VALENZUELA LT. CASTANEDA OF CEBU FORCE WERE EXECUTED BY COMMAND OF CUSHING. REASONS FOR EXECUTION NOT WELL KNOWN BELIEVED TO BE EITHER TREASON OR TREACHERY

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239 ANDREWS

In re CUSHING of CEBU.

I am sure that Cadr. PARSONS made no such statement as that reputed to him. He may, however, have made some chance remark to the effect that the C-in-C did not condone the many executions of CEBUANOS accused of pro-enemy leanings attributed to the FENTON-CUSHING joint leadership, which remark, if made, may well have finally been blown up to the size reported to CUSHING. Such action, as we know, is characteristic of the Filipino and but emphasizes the need for care in statements made, especially those with color of authority from the C-in-C.

It is noted that the message from CUSHING was received by ANDREWS before the latter had opportunity to dispatch the message to CUSHING from the C-in-C inaugurating the Cebu Area Command and appointing CUSHING as its commander. That message was adequate to readjust the situation.

The reported inter-area antagonism is responsive to local influences and emotions which the C-in-C's action will do much to eradicate.

No action is indicated.

Action taken

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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26 JANUARY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS

NR 239 26 JANUARY

"INGINIERO IN CONFERENCE WITH CEBU OFFICERS DECEMBER 31 SAID PARSONS TOLD HIM: 'MACARTHUR WOULD NOT LIKE TO ACTIVATE CEBU. HE WOULD RATHER SEE CEBU OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS SURRENDER TO THE ENEMY THAN TO STAIN HIS GOOD NAME.' WOULD THANK YOU MUCH IF YOU RELAY THIS MESSAGE TO MACARTHUR."

ABOVE MESSAGE FROM CUSHING RECEIVED JAN 24 BEFORE I WAS ABLE TO TRANSMIT YOUR NR 119 TO CUSHING.

PER MY AGENT BOHOL FEELING THERE ANTAGONISTIC TOWARDS CEBU AND SEVENTH MILITARY DISTRICT DUE TO INGINIERO'S COMMENTS ON RESULTS OF CONFERENCE WITH FERTIG LAST NOV.



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FERTIG

In re enemy activity in CEBU.

In their stubborn defiance of overwhelming odds and ruthless enemy methods toward pacification, the CEBUANGS are writing an increasingly brilliant page in Philippine history.

Action taken

G-2, Navy advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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30 JANUARY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : FERTIG

NR 634 29 JANUARY

MANY ENEMY PLANES PASSED NORTH OVER CAMIGUIN ISLAND
MORNING OF JANUARY 29TH.

AGENT FROM CEBU REPORTS MUCH GUERILLA ACTIVITY. JAPS
IMPOSE DEATH PENALTY IF FIL PEOPLE SAY SUBS ARRIVE IN MINDANAO
OR MENTION NEW U. S. MAGAZINES OR CIGARETTES. REPORTED 150 BC
DESERTED TO JOIN GUERILLAS THERE. ONE PESO REAL EQUALS FIVE
PESOS JAP WHILE TWO PESOS MINDANAO EMERGENCY CURRENCY EQUALS
FIVE PESOS JAP.

ARC RUMOR PRINCESS OF NEGROS TORPEDOED AND DAMAGED IN
CELEBES SEA, CAPTAIN KILLED.



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247 ANDREWS

In re CUSHING's supply.

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Study of priorities established by CUSHING discloses that he runs true to form among PRS intelligence collecting agencies. Committed to intelligence -- ammunition, guns, and more guns, get highest priority on his requisition for essential supplies needed.

CUSHING is an unusual study in himself. Showing little strength in civil life, now badly crippled by arthritis and committed to the use of crutches most of the time, his fighting spirit has dominated CEBU resistance since the surrender and his leadership over a following badly harassed by consistently superior enemy forces is remarkable. I believe he and his followers merit all assistance reasonably possible.

I have heretofore advised FERTIG to meet CUSHING's supply requirements -- have dispatched on the NARWHAL 20 tons consigned for CUSHING for delivery in the area of the 10th M.D. for later transshipment. This appears to be in accord with CUSHING's recommendation as to safest procedure.

I have advised CUSHING to send signal officers to FERTIG to receive signal equipment and signal operation instructions. Have assured him of FERTIG's full cooperation.

Do not believe it necessary to bring CUSHING's officers here, but records should be dispatched to FERTIG for transshipment here at first opportunity.

Action taken

See comment.

Action recommended:

Advise CUSHING to forward records to 10th M.D. for shipment here as opportunity presents itself.

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15 JANUARY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS

NR 247 14 FEBRUARY

FOLLOWING RECEIVED 13 FEBRUARY FROM CUSHING FOR MACARTHUR:
QUOTE CEBU NEEDS IN PRIORITY: 250 THOUSAND ROUNDS .30 CAL
AMMO, TWO - 81MM MORTARS WITH 200 SHELLS, TWO - .50 CAL
MACHINE GUNS WITH AMMO, 36 AUTOMATIC RIFLES, CARBINES FOR
2000 MEN WITH AMMO. MEDICINES SUCH AS SULFA DRUGS, QUININE,
ANASTHESIA AND ANTI-TETANUS SERUMS. SIGNAL EQUIPMENT WITH ALL
SPARE PARTS. MONEY - ONE MILLION PESOS IN OLD CURRENCY,
SHOES, CLOTHING, FIELD GLASSES, JACKETS, STORAGE BATTERIES
AND FLASHLIGHTS. MAGAZINES, CIGARETTES, CHOCOLATES AND
WHATEVER CAN BE SENT FOR PROPAGANDA PURPOSES. CEBU COAST
DANGEROUS BUT SUGGEST NIGHT LANDING IF POSSIBLE AT CATMON
RIVER POSITION 10 DEGREES 40 MINUTES NORTH 124 DEGREES
01 MINUTES EAST, HALF WAY BETWEEN CATMON AND CARMEN NORTH-
EASTERN COAST CEBU AS I CAN SUPERVISE. SOUTHERN COAST OPEN
TO ENEMY ESPIONAGE AND TOO EASILY CUT OFF BY LAND FORCES.
NIP ESPIONAGE AND DELAY MAKES TRANS-SHIPMENT FROM OTHER
ISLANDS DIFFICULT BUT SAFEST BET. REQUEST PERMISSION SEND
TWO OFFICERS WITH RECORDS TO YOU. UNQUOTE.

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In re enemy access to C in C's message to CUSHING.

This confirms our supposition that the enemy's reputed knowledge of the C in C's message to CUSHING was limited to that part distributed by CUSHING in leaflet form.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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SIGNAL CORPS MESSAGE
 GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
 SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
 L.P.O. 500

SECRET	
CONFIDENTIAL	
RESTRICTED	

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25 February 1944
 (Date)

(Sig. Corps No.)
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PRS CW/tpd
 (Office Symbol)

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TO : ANDREWS
 FROM : MACARTHUR
 NR : 124

MESSAGE APPOINTING CUSHING COMMANDER CEBU AREA COMMAND REPORTED
 TO HAVE FALLEN INTO ENEMY HANDS PD AS A PRECAUTIONARY MEASURE DO NOT RPT NOT
 USE SAME KEYS FUTURE MESSAGES PD.

NR ONE TWO FOUR PD

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SENT IN CODE
 2/25/44

This is in reply to No. _____
 (Insert Sig. Corps Message No. to which this reply refers.)

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2 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : ANDREWS

NR 250



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REF YOUR 124 FOLLOWING MESSAGE WILL CLARIFY
REPORTED ENEMY KNOWLEDGE OF YOUR MESSAGES REF CREATION
CEBU AREA COMMAND: ON FEB. 22, I RECEIVED THIS PARA-
PHRASED MESSAGE FROM INGINIERO, "AGENTS REPORTED YOUR
MESSAGE TO CUSHING OF JAN. 24 TO CEBU AREA COMMANDER.
I CERTIFY THAT MESSAGE FOR CUSHING FROM MACARTHUR WAS
RECEIVED BY MY STATION 23 JAN. SIGNED ANDREWS. ABCEDE AND
7TH MIL. DIST. JOIN ME IN CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES
FOR CEBU^o FELL INTO ENEMY HANDS WITH TWO OTHER MESSAGES
FROM MACARTHUR THROUGH YOU. COULD NOT VERIFY SOURCE
LEAKAGE." I REPLIED TO INGINIERO'S MESSAGE ON FEB. 26 AS
FOLLOWS: YOUR AGENTS REPORT CORRECT STOP INFO HE GOT
WAS FROM LEAFLETS PRINTED BY CUSHING ANNOUNCING HIS
DESIGNATION AND MESSAGE FROM MACARTHUR FOR CEBU PEOPLE.
GHQ INFORMED OF THESE LEAFLETS SINCE JANUARY STOP END OF
MESSAGE.

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[Handwritten signature]

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(P-2 OF ANDREWS NR 250)

I ALSO WIRED CUSHING ON SAME DATE TO VERIFY REPORTED LEAKAGE TO WHICH CUSHING REPLIED ON FEB. 29 THAT HE HAD PERSONALLY DECODED THOSE MESSAGES IN THE SPECIAL CODE USED ONLY ON THAT OCCASION, AND THAT HE HAD BURNED ALL PAPERS USED IN DECODING. I BELIEVE COPIES OF THESE LEAFLETS WERE BASIS OF REPORT MADE BY INGINIERO'S AGENT SINCE THEY ARE IDENTICAL IN WORDING. CANNOT UNDERSTAND HOW INGINIERO COULD HAVE HAD ACCESS TO TEXT UAL MESSAGE IF SAME HAD BEEN OBTAINED BY HIS AGENT THROUGH REPORTED ENEMY HANDS SINCE HE STATES HE COULD NOT VERIFY SEVERAL. COMPLYING WITH INSTRUCTIONS RE CHANGE IN OUR CODE.

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(NOTE: USE OF DOUBLE AND SINGLE QUOTES ON P-1 MEANS A QUOTATION WITHIN A QUOTATION. UNDERLINED LETTERS PROBABLY IS A GARBLE FOR "ALL.")

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4 April 1944

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In re intercepted Constabulary message - CEBU.

Difficult to understand why CUSHING transmitted this message to us. May be necessary to caution him against the unnecessary burdening of radio traffic with non-essential dispatches. Best to await and watch developments though.

Action taken

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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4 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 3 1 APRIL

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A TRUE COPY OF RADIOGRAM FROM INSPECTOR LAPUT:

CEBU CITY
10 MARCH 1944

TO: EXECUTIVE OFFICER CONSTABULARY MANILA

2 P.M. 9 MARCH COMBINED PATROL EIGHT SOLDIERS, EIGHTH COMPANY,
SIX SOLDIERS, FOURTH COMPANY, LT. GREGORIO LEADER, ESCORTING
PACIFICATION FOOD PRODUCTION CAMPAIGNERS FROM CITY ATTACKED BY
100 GUERRILLAS USING RIFLES. ARPIL IBALAMBAN KILLED, PATROLMAN
FRANCISCO GAVIOLA GRAVELY WOUNDED, PATROLMAN MANUEL LIMPO,
ATILANO AYSON, TEODORO BATUCAN, SLIGHTLY WOUNDED PATROLMAN
DONATO BOSQUIT. ALL FOURTH COMPANY FIRING ONE HOUR. GUERRILLAS
OFFERED OPEN TARGETS, RANGE 20-40 YARDS, LATTERS CASUALTIES NOT
COUNTED THEIR SURVIVORS WITHDRAWN. PATROL RETREATED ORDERLY
BALAMBAN-WARD SINGING TINDIGBAYAN NATIONAL ANTHEM. CAME BACK
TOLEDO BANCA. PACIFICATION CAMPAIGNERS COMMEND ACTING CORPORAL
AURELIO PACE, ELEMENT LEADER EIGHTH COMPANY, COOLNESS, HIGH
SPIRITS UNDER FIRE. GUERRILLA POSTERS BALAMBAN: "SHOOT SIGHT
CONSTABULARY SOLDIERS, JAPANESE SUPPORTERS. SGD. JAMES CUSHING".

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NR 3 CONTINUED:

6 A.M. 10 MARCH FOUR GUERRILLEROS KILLED PATROLMAN ESTEBA RAMIREZ, FIFTH COMPANY, CARGAR, LATTER KILLED ASSAILANT BUENAVENTURA GABRILLO. GUERRILLA BULLETS KILLED FLORENDA EMNACE, WOUNDED ASUNCION VILLARIOSA. 8 A.M. 9 MARCH T. NAKAO, MANAGER PORTLAND COMPANY, HIS DRIVER AMBUSHED, CAPTURED TUYANNAGA. PATROL, 32 SOLDIERS, FIRST COMPANY, LT. DIAMOS LEADER, PURSUED GUERRILAS RECOVERED NAKAO, DRIVER, MOUNTAINS MINGLANILLA.

WE ABANDONED SAMBOAN, MALABUYOC, ALGERIA, ALOGUINSAN, BALANBAM, BORBON, SOGOD, CATMON, CARMEN, CORDOVA, APO, MORE EFFECTIVE DEFENSE OPERATIONS.

SIGNED,

C.V. LAPUT, CAPTAIN, P.C.
SENIOR INSPECTOR,
PROVINCE OF CEBU.

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05 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS
NR 251 04 MARCH

PER CUSHING: "ONE ESCAPED GERMAN SEAMAN ALFRED HERBERT RETTER FROM BLOCKADE RUNNER ROSGBACH WHOSE CREW WERE SHANGHAIED BY NIPS NOW UNDER CUSTODY. SAW ACTION IN MEDITERRANEAN AND RECENTLY LEFT JAPAN. HIS STORY: TWENTY YEAR OLD SEAMAN OF AMERICAN BORN MOTHER. STATES THAT JAPS HAVE TAKEN OVER FOLLOWING SHIPS WITH GERMAN PERSONNEL AGAINST THEIR WISHES: ROSGBACH, ALSTYRUF, WESERLAND, OROSONO AND HAVELLAND. HIS SHIP CARRYING OIL, GAS, TORPEDOES AND BOMBS FOR PHILIPPINES. HE HAS VISITED SUBMARINE BASES AND OTHER IMPORTANT NAVAL BASES. JAP ATTITUDE TOWARDS GERMAN PERSONNEL STRAINED TO BREAKING POINT. RETTER SAW AMERICAN WAR PRISONERS FORCED TO STEVEDORE NIP SHIPS, WHILE IN TRANSIT THEY ARE LOCKED IN HOLDS TO PREVENT ESCAPE IF TORPEDOED. THREE GERMAN AND ONE JAP SHIP SABOTAGED BY CHINESE REPAIRMEN IN YOKOHAMA HARBOR 30TH NOVEMBER 1943. SHIPS WERE NANKING, 20,000 TONS, OKERMARK, 18,000 TONS, SHOFTEN, FOUR THOUSAND TONS AND A NIP SHIP OF THREE THOUSAND TONS. 66 GERMANS DIED AS EYEWITNESSED BY RETTER."

I AM GETTING CUSHING TO OBTAIN INFORMATION ON LOCATION AND NAMES OF NIP SUBMARINE OR NAVAL BASES.

ABOVE REPORT DATED MARCH TWO.



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8 April 1944

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4 CUSHING

In re letter of Governor CARAM in re effect of guerilla action on B.C.

Letter is of interest but insufficient to burden radio traffic. I will watch developments closely and instruct CUSHING in such matters if it becomes necessary to do so. I hope it will not be necessary.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

G.W.

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8 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 4 1 APRIL



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FROM GOVERNOR CARAM OF ILOILO, A TRUE COPY OF HIS
LETTER:

MARCH 4, 1944

MY DEAR COMMISSIONER GULLAS:

ENCLOSED IS A LETTER OF THE SENIOR INSPECTOR OF THE
PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY, ILOILO, WITH MY INDORSEMENT WHICH
IS SELF EXPLANATORY. PLEASE HELP US SECURE THE ARMS AND
AMMUNITION NEEDED BY TALKING TO GENERAL KONO.

RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
F. CARAM, GOVERNOR

THE ENCLOSED LETTER:

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS
PHILIPPINE CONSTABULARY OFFICE
OF THE SENIOR INSPECTOR

ILOILO
4 MARCH 1944

THE HONORABLE PROVINCIAL GOVERNOR,
ILOILO.

SIR:

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NR 4 CONTINUED:

I HAVE THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE CONSTABULARY OF ILOILO HAS PRESENTLY AN ACTUAL STRENGTH OF 16 OFFICERS AND 513 MEN. AT PRESENT WE HAVE ON HAND 14 REVOLVERS AND 243 RIFLES WITH 7000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION, CALIBRE 30. OUT OF THE TOTAL STRENGTH OF 513 MEN ONLY 243 ARE ARMED WITH RIFLES AND WE STILL LACK 270 RIFLES AND 18,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN ORDER TO FULLY ARM THE WHOLE UNIT.

DURING THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY AND PART OF MARCH THIS YEAR MOST OF CONSTABULARY DETACHMENT WERE ATTACK BY GUERRILLEROS WHO ARE ARMED WITH BETTER AND EFFECTIVE WEAPONS THAN OURS. AS A RESULT OF THIS ATTACK THE ILOILO CONSTABULARY SUSTAINED THE FOLLOWING CASUALTIES:

4 MEN KILLED
8 MEN WOUNDED
5 MEN MISSING

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IN VIEW OF THIS AND IN ORDER TO MINIMIZE THE ABOVE CASUALTIES IT IS THEREFORE REQUESTED THAT THE CONSTABULARY BE GIVEN RIFLES AND AUTOMATIC RIFLES SO THAT THEY WILL BE ALWAYS READY TO REPULSE ANY ATTACK OF GUERRILLEROS SUPERIOR IN ARMS. I THEREFORE REQUEST THAT YOUR GOOD OFFICE WILL INTERVENE IN THIS MATTER OR MAKE OFFICIAL REPRESENTATION SO THAT THE WEAPONS DESIRED TO BE GIVEN TO THE CONSTABULARY OF ILOILO WITHOUT DELAY. BY SO DOING, THIS ORGANIZATION WILL BE ABLE TO MAINTAIN THE HIGH MORALE AS WELL AS TO GAIN THE CONFIDENCE OF OUR PEOPLE.

VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS,
S. J. ARCENO, CAPTAIN, P. C.
SENIOR INSPECTOR, CEBU

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9 April 1944

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5 CUSHING

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In re letter Jap consul for CEBU.

Letter contains insufficient material of military value to warrant its burden to our communications system. It is apparent that CUSHING fails to understand the necessity to restrict traffic.

Action taken:

I have wired CUSHING immediately as follows:

"TO RESTRICT RADIO TRAFFIC TO THE MINIMUM CONSISTENT WITH THE DISPATCH OF VITAL INFORMATION OF IMMEDIATE VALUE TO THIS HEADQUARTERS OR ESSENTIAL TO THE ADMINISTRATION OF YOUR COMMAND, IT IS DESIRED THAT MESSAGES SUCH AS CONTAINED IN YOUR NUMBER THREE AND NUMBER FIVE BE DISPATCHED BY MAIL AS THE OPPORTUNITY PRESENTS ITSELF."

sent
april 9

Action recommended:

None.

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C.W.



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9 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 5 7 AND 8 APRIL

(THE ENTIRE MESSAGE CONSISTED ONLY OF THE FOLLOWING LETTER)

CONSULATE OF JAPAN
CEBU
MARCH 16, 1944

HIS EXCELLENCY,
COMMISSIONER FOR VISAYAS
CEBU

SIR:

IN CONNECTION WITH YOUR LETTER DATED FEB. 20, 1944,
RELATIVE TO YOUR KIND INTENTION TO COOPERATE WITH JAPANESE
FIRMS IN VISAYAS ON THE RECRUITING OF LABORERS, I HAVE
THE HONOR TO INFORM YOU THAT THE FOLLOWING JAPANESE FIRMS
NEED LABORERS:

1--URAGAMI-GUMI COMPANY, LTD., 58 MACTAN AVENUE,
CEBU CITY, MANAGER: MR. BUICHIRO NAKAMURA. KIND AND

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(P-2 OF CUSHING'S NR 5)

LOCATION OF WORK: CONSTRUCTION WORKS BY THE ARMY AT
YATI, LILOAN, CEBU. NUMBER OF LABORERS WANTED: 2000
LABORERS AND CARPENTERS. DAILY WAGES: 2 PESOS AND
90 CENTAVOS FOR CARPENTERS WITH THEIR OWN TOOLS, 1 PESO
AND 70 CENTS FOR LABORERS ALL WITH FREE MEALS AND QUARTERS.

2--TOAKOSAN SHIP BUILDING COMPANY, LTD., CEBU DOCK-
YARD OFFICE: SAN NICOLAS, PASIL, CEBU CITY. MANAGER:
NOBUSUKE KAZUKI. KIND AND LOCATION OF WORK: SHIP-
BUILDING, SAN NICOLAS, PASIL, CEBU CITY. NUMBER OF
LABORERS WANTED AND DAILY WAGES, 356 PERSONS. CARPENTERS:
5 (URGENTLY NEEDED) AT 2 PESOS TO 2 PESOS AND 30 CENT.
120 SHIP CARPENTERS (70 URGENTLY NEEDED) AT 2 PESOS TO
2 PESOS AND 50 CENT. 2 CABINET MAKERS, 2 PESOS TO
2 PESOS AND 30 CENT. 30 SAWYERS (URGENTLY NEEDED)
1 PESO AND 50 CENT TO 2 PESOS 50 CENT. 20 APPRENTICES,
1 PESO TO 1 PESO AND 50 CENTAVOS. MECHANICS: 6 METAL
WORKERS 1 PESO AND 70 CENT TO 3 PESOS AND 20 CENT.
8 TURNERS (URGENTLY NEEDED) 2 PESOS TO 3 PESOS AND
30 CENT. 15 FINISHERS (10 URGENTLY NEEDED) 1 PESO AND
80 CENT TO 3 PESOS. LUMBER WORKERS: 10 SAWYERS

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(P-3 OF CUSHING'S NR 5)

(URGENTLY NEEDED) 1 PESO AND 50 CENT TO 2 PESOS AND 30 CENT. 40 ASSISTANTS 1 PESO AND 40 CENT. 100 ODD JOB MEN (URGENTLY NEEDED) 1 PESO TO 1 PESO AND 30 CENT AND SOME ODD JOB WOMEN 70 CENT TO 90 CENT.

CONDITIONS: 50 PER CENT TO 70 PER CENT EXTRA ALLOWANCE OF DAILY WAGES WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL MEN. 20 PER CENT TO 50 PER CENT EXTRA ALLOWANCE OF DAILY WAGES WILL BE GIVEN TO ALL WOMEN. IF A LABORER CONTINUES WORKING A FULL WEEK, HE WILL BE ALLOWED TO PURCHASED 1 OR 2 GANTAS OF CORNMEAL (NOW AT 1 PESO AND 50 CENT A GANTA.) A SUPERIOR WORKER WILL BE GIVEN FREE OF CHARGE 1 OR 2 GANTAS OF CORNMEAL AND WILL BE TREATED FOR A FOREMAN.

THANKING YOU FOR YOUR EARLY ATTENTION ON THE MATTERS,
I REMAIN VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS,

SIGNED: CHOSAKU MOGAKI
CONSUL FOR JAPAN,
CEBU



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257 CUSHING (thru ANDREWS)

In re financing of CEBU forces.

All previous information has been to the effect that only enemy military notes are permitted to circulate in CEBU.

"OFFICERS FROM CEBU ARRIVED, REPORT THAT CUSHING IS BUSY REORGANIZING AND WILL COME LATER. LARGEST REQUIREMENT IS MONEY. RECOMMEND JAP MILITARY CURRENCY AS OUR SUPPLY OF REAL IS NOT SUFFICIENT TO EVEN START. MINDANAO EMERGENCY CURRENCY CANNOT BE USED AS NIPS ABSOLUTELY CONTROL PROVINCE."

(Fertig Msg. 587 - 14 January)

" X X X JAP MILITARY CURRENCY DESIRED AS OTHER CURRENCY BANNED" (Fertig Msg 609 - 18 January, in discussing CEBU requirements)

Issuance of government bonds as recommended would require specific legislative sanction. Difficult to see how such bonds could be used in place of currency unless their purpose was to acquire currency from sources now holding same.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Dispatch to CUSHING of following reply:

Crucy
"AUTHORITY TO ISSUE BONDS PROPOSED IN YOUR MESSAGE OF SEVENTH IS EXCLUSIVELY A LEGISLATIVE FUNCTION ON WHICH THIS HEADQUARTERS IS POWERLESS TO ACT. ALL PREVIOUS INFORMATION HAS DISCLOSED THAT ENEMY MILITARY CURRENCY WAS IN CIRCULATION IN CEBU WITH OTHER CURRENCIES BANNED. CLARIFY."

*Sent
as amended
by R. J. M.
R*

C.W.

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11 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING (THRU ANDREWS)

NR 257 10 MARCH

MACARTHUR FROM CUSHING 7TH MARCH: "DUE PRESSING NEED FOR FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF CEBU AND IN VIEW OF NON RECEIPT OF SUCH AID IN OLD CURRENCY FROM SWPA REQUEST ME BE GIVEN AUTHORITY TO ISSUE LIBERTY LOAN BONDS (FOLLOWS LONG DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED FORM) REITERATE MILITARY SCRIPT USELESS IN CEBU."

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In re CUSHING's proposed bond issue.

CUSHING requested authority to issue bonds in view of our failure to supply him with Philippine currency. We replied that this headquarters was without authority to authorize the issuance of bonds which was primarily a legislative function and queried him for clarification as to the type of currency permitted circulation in his area.

This message confirms that the use of enemy script is compulsory in CEBU. We have sent in \$200,000 and will continue to send it in as the opportunity presents itself.

This message is the first direct communication from CUSHING using his own code which we furnished him - discloses that our supplies are getting through and this new channel for communication opening up satisfactorily.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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30 MARCH 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 1 28 MARCH

RE BONDS FOR ISSUE I WAS OF THE OPINION WE HAD MENTIONED OLD PHILIPPINE CURRENCY WAS ACCEPTED AS WELL AS JAP MILITARY SCRIPT WHICH IS COMPULSORY. BONDS WERE TO VOLUNTARY DONORS OF OLD PHIL CURRENCY.

OUR DELAY TO USE W A T DUE TO DIRECT CONTACT WITH SAME NOT ESTABLISHED UNTIL MARCH 17 WHEN WE SENT OUR FIRST MSG. WE RECEIVED THEIR FIRST THREE MSGS ON MARCH 22 BUT THEY WERE DATED MARCH 16 AND 18 SHOWING SEVERAL DAYS DELAY. THIS MAY BE DUE TO ENEMY PRESSURE THERE. HOWEVER ON MARCH 20 WE RECEIVED ONE MSG FROM FERTIG SENT BEFORE MARCH SIX, THE SAME HAVING BEEN RELAYED THRU NUMEROUS STATIONS INCLUDING K A Z. OUR OPERATOR HAS UNFORTUNATELY ASKED W A T IN THE CLEAR FOR DIRECT TO K A Z FOR WHICH WE APOLOGIZE. HOWEVER WE HAD PREVIOUSLY ASKED IN CODE FOR DIRECT CONTACT WITH YOU. NEW QUEEN SIGNALS WILL NOW BE USED.

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In re CUSHING request for instructions in re disposition of prisoners.

Any of our other guerilla leaders would have decided this problem in the circumstances with 10 bullets without reference to this Headquarters. CUSHING has, however, before demonstrated a more disciplined regard for the will of higher authority. Such attitude may be somewhat indifferent to guerilla standards but gives rise to greater assurance of reliability from the standpoint of command. I believe you will find in CUSHING an able but still subordinate fighter and leader in whom you can fully depend to discharge his mission to the full limit of his capabilities. At the crucial time this is what you will require.

In action taken on the question raised I believe it should be assumed that the message of the C in C may reach the hands of the enemy and precautions in its phraseology taken accordingly.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

Dispatch of following reply:

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"DISPOSITION OF PRISONERS PAREN YOUR NUMBER SEVEN PAREN MUST BE IN ACCORD WITH OUR RULES OF LAND WARFARE. IF THEIR REMOVAL TO THE AREA OF ANOTHER COMMAND IN BETTER POSITION TO SECURE THE PRISONERS IS POSSIBLE I WILL ISSUE THE NECESSARY INSTRUCTIONS TO THE COMMANDER THEREOF TO FACILITATE SUCH ACTION."

note on ground that this MRS is in administrative file (which is missing)



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9 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 7 8 APRIL

WE HAVE 10 JAPANESE PRISONERS NOW EN ROUTE TO OUR HEADQUARTERS. PLEASE ADVISE ACTION TO BE TAKEN. CONSTANT ENEMY PRESSURE MAKES THIS SITUATION VERY PRECARIOUS. FURTHER INFORMATION FROM PRISONERS WILL FOLLOW.

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9 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR : 8 9TH APRIL

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REFERENCE TEN JAP PRISONERS -- THEY CAME FROM FOUR-MOTORED PLANE WHICH CRASHED OFF SAN FERNANDO AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE MORNING 1ST APRIL. THEIR NAMES:

GENERAL TWANI FUROMEI, COMMANDING OFFICER OF LAND AND SEA FORCES IN MACASSAR

YOJI YAMAMOTO, MARINE OFFICER BOUND FOR MACASSAR

YASUKICHI YAMAGATA

MATSUTARE OKANURA, AVIATOR

USHIKISA IMANISHI

KEIS OKUJESIMI, AERONAUTICAL ENGINEER

TOMIDO OLASOGI, OPERATOR

TUSHIDO OKADA, ENGINEER

MASATUSI YUSITU, OPERATOR

TAKASHI TANIKA, ENGINEER

THEIR PERSONAL EFFECTS:

A PAIR OF SHOULDER STRAPS FROM MARINE OFFICER YAMAMOTO. ONE MEMORANDUM NOTEBOOK WITH JAPANESE SCRIPTS. ONE WRAPPED PACKAGE OF JAPANESE RELICS. THREE HOSPITAL CASES, INCLUDING GENERAL FUROMEI AND MARINE OFFICER YAMAMOTO. RUMORS THAT PLANE SHOT DOWN BY ANTI-AIRCRAFT FIRE FROM SUBMARINE. HOWEVER, WE ARE CHECKING. DUE TO GENERAL CONDITION OF PRISONERS AND SITUATION AS IT IS, FURTHER INFO MAY BE SOMEWHAT DELAYED.

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14 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 10 12 APRIL

SINCE A DIRECT OR A REPRESENTATIVE COULD NOT BE SENT HERE, AFTER ALL MY ATTEMPTS FOR DIRECT, WE APOLOGIZE FOR ACTION TAKEN REGARD THE 10 PRISONERS, FROM SLIPS MADE IN CONVERSATION BY PRISONER, NAME OF CHIDA OR SHIDA PART OF GENERAL'S NAME, YAMAMOTO APPARENTLY A COMMANDER. REITERATE AN OFFICER FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS CAPABLE OF HANDLING THIS SITUATION WOULD BE GREATLY APPRECIATED.



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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING (VIA WAT)

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JAP CAPTIVES FROM PALAO. ENEMY AWARE THEIR PRESENCE
HERE. WE ARE CATCHING HELL. WE ARE STAGING A FAKE REMOVAL
FROM THIS ISLAND TO WITHDRAW PRESSURE, WHILE AWAITING YOUR
FURTHER ORDERS. SOUTHEAST COAST CEBU IMPOSSIBLE NOW. WILL
MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE JAPANESE GENERAL AND NEXT
RANKING OFFICER. PLEASE RUSH ADVICE; NORTHEAST COAST STILL
CLEAR FOR SUBMARINE.

(THE PHRASE "CUSHING TO MACARTHUR" APPEARED IN PARENTHESES.)
(SPELLING OF PALAO AS RECEIVED, NOT "PALAU.")



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12 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 12 09 APRIL

JAP PRISONERS TOO HOT FOR US TO HOLD. DUE TO NUMBER OF CIVILIANS BEING KILLED, I MADE TERMS THAT CIVILIANS ARE NOT TO BE MOLESTED IN FUTURE, IN EXCHANGE FOR THE PRISONERS. ALTHOUGH THE ENEMY DID NOT KNOW IT, WE HAD ONLY 25 SOLDIERS BETWEEN THE ATTACKING FORCE OF APPROXIMATELY FIVE HUNDRED AND OUR POSITION. ENEMY NOW WITHDRAWING TOWARDS CITY. IN SOUTHERN CEBU, JAPS WERE REPORTED TWO THOUSAND STRONG, LOOKING FOR PRISONERS.

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22 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 37 22 MAY

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THIS LEAFLET DROPPED FROM A NEW TYPE FIGHTER PLANE WHICH APPEARS TO BE VERY FAST WITH RETRACTABLE WHEELS. FOUR THIS TYPE PLANE HERE IN CEBU.

"JAPANESE NAVAL HEADQUARTERS IN CEBU

17TH MAY 1944.

TO MR. JAMES CUSHING:

I, AS THE COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVAL GARRISON OF CEBU, AM SENDING YOU THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO YOU:

(1) THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY IS TAKING THE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION AGAINST YOU IN VIEW OF THE GUERRILLAS AIM LIKE AND INHUMAN TREATMENT BY YOUR MEN OF THE PASSENGERS AND THE CREW OF OUR SEAPLANE WHICH MADE A FORCED LANDING OFF SAN FERNANDO, CEBU, ON 1ST APRIL, 1944. THEREFORE, WE STRONGLY DEMAND THAT YOU IMMEDIATELY CARRY OUT THE FOLLOWING;

(2) RETURN UNCONDITIONALLY UNTIL THE NOON OF 30TH MAY, 1944, ALL DOCUMENTS, BAGS, AND CLOTHINGS EITHER PICKED UP FROM THE SAID AIRPLANE OR ROBBED OF THE PASSENGERS AND THE CREW, TO THE MAYOR OF SAN FERNANDO FOR SAFE KEEPING.

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(3) WE NOTIFY YOU THAT IN CASE WHEN YOU FAIL TO FULFILL OUR DEMAND STATED IN THE SECOND CLAUSE, THE IMPERIAL JAPANESE NAVY WILL RESORT TO DRASTICALLY SEVERE METHOD AGAINST YOU.

(SIGNED)

TAKESHI WATANABE
COMMANDER OF THE IMPERIAL
JAPANESE NAVAL GARRISON OF
CEBU."

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TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : ANDREWS
NR : 265 10TH APRIL

CUSHING REPORTS NIP GENERAL AND TEN HIGH RANKING OFFICERS
CAPTURED IN PLANE CRASH. FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM HIM TO MACARTHUR
DATED 9TH APRIL:

"JAP CAPTIVES FROM PALAU. ENEMY AWARE THEIR PRESENCE
HERE. WE ARE CATCHING HELL. WE ARE STAGING FAKE REMOVAL
FROM THIS ISLAND TO WITHDRAW PRESSURE, WHILE AWAITING YOUR
FURTHER ORDERS. SOUTHEAST COAST CEBU IMPOSSIBLE NOW. WE
WILL MAKE EVERY ATTEMPT TO HOLD THE JAPANESE GENERALS NEXT
RANKING OFFICER. PLEASE RUSH ADVICE, NORTHEAST COAST STILL
CLEAR FOR SUBMARINE."

HAVE ASKED CUSHING TO GET PARTICULARS WANTED IN YOUR
129. WILL USE SUBSTITUTION ALPHABET NR ONE INSTEAD OF FIVE
FOR NEXT PERIOD.



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In re captured enemy documents.

Documents in question will be available for dispatch by ABCEDS on supply trip of NARWHAL about the end of May unless desired earlier by G-2.

Action taken:

G-2, Navy advised.

Action recommended:

None.



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14 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 6 13 APRIL

WE HAVE TWO JAPANESE OPERATIONS MAPS PRESUMABLY OF 1942 TO 1944 SHOWING AIR BASES, NAVAL BASES, WIRELESS STATIONS, EMERGENCY LANDING FIELDS, TRIANGULATION POINTS, HEIGHTS AND OTHER UNIDENTIFIED SYMBOLS IN THE LEGEND. THESE MAPS COVER PALAO, PHILIPPINES, MOST OF FRENCH-INDO-CHINA, HAINAN AND SOUTHERN CHINA. FOUR UNIDENTIFIED TRANSPORTS LANDED LILOAN NIGHT OF APRIL 11 UNLOADING WITH LANDING LIGHTS. FROM PRISONERS WE STILL HAVE PAPERS AND FIELD ORDERS WHICH WE ARE SENDING TOGETHER WITH MAPS TO COL. ANDREWS' HEADQUARTERS SOUTHERN NEGROS AND SHOULD ARRIVE THERE IN APPROXIMATELY TWO WEEKS.

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TO : CUSHING
 FROM : MACARTHUR
 NR : 9

DOCUMENTS DESCRIBED IN YOUR NUMBER SIX MAY BE OF EXTREME VALUE PD TAKE EVERY
 POSSIBLE PRECAUTION TO ENSURE SAFE ARRIVAL AT SOUTHERN NEGROS FOR DISPATCH
 HERE AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY PD ADVISE WHEN DELIVERY IS EFFECTED



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In re political situation - enemy dispositions in CEBU.

The information in this report comes from Paulino GULLAS, puppet Commissioner for the VISAYAS. Its interest lies not so much in the information itself (which should be evaluated with extreme caution) but in the source of the information). In it is disclosed the pattern of puppet reaction to the progress of the Allied counter-offensive, which pattern has long been predictable.

By his act in giving this information to CUSHING, GULLAS has placed service to the Allied cause of record - a record that will serve as a defensive barrier to post war charges of treason. One of the leading puppet officials in the LAUREL government, could he effect his evacuation to this area, GULLAS would not only solidify that defense but avoid the retribution that will follow the start of counter-offensive operations in the Philippine area, when open season is declared by loyal Filipinos upon pro-Jap puppet officials.

That GULLAS should desire to be taken out of the Philippines at this time, while occupying so powerful and influential a position under the LAUREL government, significantly emphasizes the current view in puppet circles of the military situation and the fact that little encouragement is held out by the enemy for survival of the "Republic" under his protection.

The better to evaluate Paulino GULLAS and the position he is now taking, I am attaching hereto a copy of an address he delivered in ILOILO on 19 January 1944. The address is a masterpiece of inconsequential and noncommittal verbosity - in its careful avoidance of pro-Japanism or anti-guerrillaism, although in it complete loyalty is disclosed to the LAUREL government. In describing the powers and authority of the office of Commissioner, GULLAS stated:

"Before I come to a conclusion, let me outline to you the powers and duties of my office. The Philippines is divided into three districts - LUZON, VISAYAS, and MINDANAO. LUZON is under the President of the Republic; VISAYAS is under the Commissioner for the VISAYAS and MINDANAO is under the Commissioner for MINDANAO and SULU. The Commissioner shall exercise general supervision

and administrative control over the district in which he is assigned and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President of the Republic of the Philippines."

Of the post of Commissioner for the VISAYAS, ARCEDE wired in his message number 79 of 21 January:

"NEW LAW AUTHORIZES PUPPET PRESIDENT LAUREL TO APPOINT VICE MINISTERS FOR VISAYAS AND MINDANAO WITH FULL POWERS OF PRESIDENT IN THEIR RESPECTIVE AREAS. VISAYAS CANDIDATES ARE ILDEFONSO COSCOLUELA, JOSE LOSSIN, GIL MONTILLA AND LEON QUINTO. GOV. MONTELIBANO REPORTS HE CAN HAVE UNDERSTANDING WITH COSCOLUELA OR LOSSIN BUT NEITHER WILL ACCEPT POST WITHOUT OKAY FROM PRES. QUEZON OR FROM THAT HEADQUARTERS. DECISION REQUESTED"

It will be observed that Pauline GULLAS, already appointed at the time the above message was dispatched, was not mentioned therein as a possible candidate for the office.

I recommend definitely against the evacuation of GULLAS to this area. Any other course would be to invite the eventual petition of all puppet officials from LAUREL, VARGAS, AQUINO on down, for the security of that privilege before this thing is over.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Advise CUSHING that the evacuation of GULLAS is not favorably considered.

*sent
28 Apr*

C.W.



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20 APRIL, 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 13 15 APRIL



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LAUREL PROTESTING AGAINST JAPS' INCESSANT ORDERS FOR MORE CO-OPERATION. HE HAS REFUSED TO DECLARE WAR, O.K. CONSCRIPT TWO MILLION SOLDIERS THREE TIMES TO TOJO. PRESENT AT ONE CONFERENCE WERE BOSE OF INDIA AND BANMAUNG OF BURMA. LAUREL REASONED THAT IF HE DELCARES WAR, GUERRILLISTAS WILL GO AGAINST THE REPUBLIC. LAUREL IS SODD ON HIS REPUBLIC AND IS WILLING TO DIE FOR IT. AQUINO IS PRO-JAP AND WILL REPLACE LAUREL SHOULD ANYTHING HAPPEN. DELGADO AND LAPUT PRO-JAP, AND IF GULLAS LEAVES, DELAGADO WILL REPLACE HIM. HOWEVER, GULLAS WILL GO SOUTH IF I CAN TAKE CARE OF HIS FAMILY. URGENT: PDEASE ADVISE IF YOU WANT COMMISSIONER GULLAS.

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NINETY PERCENT CEBU PUPPETS READY TO REVOLT UPON SIGHT OF FIRST AMERICAN PLANE. IN CONFERENCE WITH CEBU PUPPETS, GENERAL KONO STATED: "GENTLEMEN, YOU CANNOT EXPECT US TO FENCE THE SKY IN ORDER TO PREVENT AMERICAN PLANES FROM COMING INTO THE PHILIPPINES. NEITHER CAN WE MAKE A CORRAL AROUND THE OCEAN TO PREVENT AMERICAN SHIPS FROM APPROACHING THE P.I."

PRESENT CEBU DEFENSES FROM NORTH YATI TO LILOAN, FROM SOUTH PUNDANTANAGA, EAST TO COASTAL DEFENSES AND WEST NOT

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CUSHING NR 13 (PAGE TWO)

YET DEFINED. MACTAN AIRFIELD BEING RUSHED SECRETLY, AS IT IS BELIEVED YOU ARE NOT AWARE OF THIS LOCATION.

TOJO IN SECRET MESSAGE TO RANKING GENERALS:

"WE ARE RESIGNED TO OUR FATE. THE ENEMY IS FAST APPROACHING OUR HOMELAND."

GENERAL KONO, OF CEBU, IS AMERICAN EDUCATED AND LIBERAL MINDED IN HIS VIEWS.

WE ARE AT PRESENT STRESSING ON EXCHANGE PRISONERS OF WAR. HOWEVER, IF COMMON JAP SOLDIERS DESIRED BY YOU, PLEASE ADVISE. CONDITIONS ARE SUCH THAT THEY CAN BE HAD ALIVE IN PLACES DESIGNATED BY YOU.

JAPAN IS NOT EXPECTED TO BE PREPARED FOR PHILIPPINE DEFENSE WITHIN THE NEXT SIX MONTHS. PRESENT STRENGTH CEBU PROVINCE, ALL BRANCHES SERVICES INCLUDED, IS FIVE THOUSAND, AS OF 10TH APRIL.

ABOVE INFO FROM GULLAS.



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SPEECH OF COMMISSIONER GUARDAS OF THE
VISAYAS ON JANUARY 19, 1944, AT THE SESSION
HALL OF THE PROVINCIAL BUILDING
OF ILOILO

Governor and my colleague Caram,
Mr. Justice Barrios, Major Tando,
Officers of the Administration,
Ladies and Gentlemen:

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As I was coming here, I was reading an old issue of a newspaper in the hotel and I am going to relate to you something which I found to be very illuminating in connection with my present job.

It was a Filipino who was a member of the first bunch of Filipino pensionados that was sent to America way back in 1905 or 1906. His name was "Sapollo". He got this name because he tried to cover his black skin with sapollo in order to mingle with American girls as he loved them very much. In the class, he was known to be witty. In one occasion, the class was asked to give the meaning of the word, indisposition. Sapollo raised his right hand and answered, "when I fight, I fight in this position". And from that moment, Sapollo became the most prominent in the class.

Well, my friends, I have plenty of fight in my position. I also know that the Governor and all the municipal Mayors have plenty of fight in their hands dealing with the recalcitrant elements. There are enemies within and enemies without. The mission of the Governor and the mayors now is much difficult than before. The mission of the peace officer is also much difficult than before. Before he has to deal with men, who used bolos and "balisong", but now, he has to account with men, sometimes better armed than themselves, armed with machine guns, automatic rifles and other deadly weapons.

You know, in January 1st, in Cebu, when the people was celebrating happily the New Year, at about two o'clock in the morning, the City was attacked from three points, resulting in five killed and five wounded. The casualties included two members of the Philippine Constabulary and worst of it was that one of the members was to be married on that same day. The Cebu Constabulary Academy was also riddled with bullets. In the following morning when we made our investigation, we found that the two flags - the Filipino and the Japanese flags that were waving in front of the Academy were also riddled with bullets. The Japanese flag got only two holes on it and the Philippine flag got seven holes. Such is the tragedy of the Filipinos fighting against the Filipines.

It is not enough that we have suffered in the war. Let us invite our brothers who are still hiding to come to the lowlands and cooperate with us in this gigantic task of the rebuilding of the New Philippines. If they cannot go down let us advise them to lay low and not to molest the innocent civilians nor the constabulary soldiers. For what is our Independence worth, if we have no peace? It is our duty to our province as well as to our country to establish peace and order for our happiness and for the happiness of our children and our children's children.

My dear friends, yesterday, I was present at a conference with the high commanding officer of the Japanese and I am going to say this to you in all conferences because it is a typical example of the predicament in which the Governor or the mayor finds himself at any moment. The Governor wanted to go outside of the City of Iloilo in order to take me and other members of the

party for insolation purposes. Unfortunately, the manager of the alcohol station refused to give him the necessary alcohol. He laid his case before the Japanese Officer. I did not know what has transpired within that short period but I have seen the courage of your Governor. If there is a governor who has the courage and who has that conviction, that man is no other than your Provincial Governor, Fermin G. Caram: (Applause)

Our problem now, my friends, is to conserve what is ours and the power that is ours. Of course, we realize that it is war time. We have to subject ourselves to the exigencies of the moment. But I should like to ask you to 'hold high that brow serene'.

I have heard and seen people, in public conferences and in private meetings who do nothing else but present themselves to the Japanese with subservient attitude. They will respect us if we know how to uphold our dignity. For instance, my friends, when I went to Manila to secure my revolver's license, I had to go to the Japanese for it. Of course the possession of a military arm, requires that we should submit ourselves to military authorities. But I tell you my friends that before I left the City of Cebu for Iloilo, I gave an order to the Constabulary Commander at Cebu to issue the licenses for firearms. I have given this order to the constabulary commander at Cebu and I am giving the same order to the Constabulary Commander at Iloilo to issue licenses for firearms.

My dear friends, I can assure you that so long as we respect the Japanese and so long as we do not trouble them, they will also respect and will not trouble us. We need not adopt hostile and belligerent attitude. We know we are weak, but there is strength in weakness as there is strength in a woman. Hold high that brow serene! We are free and independent! We are the Republic of the Philippines!

Last night, I was told by a relative that maybe our independence is not real, because we have a limited power as an independent nation; I told him, for Heaven's sake, great improvements have happened for the last three months that we have had our independence. As the President said, our country is only three months old and a three month's baby is but a tiny piece of a bundle of humanity. What can a three month's baby do? His business is only to urinate and make unnecessary cries to bit the band. But in three month's time, we have done something - the President has done something.

Among the first measures we have approved was an appropriation of two million pesos for relief and rehabilitation purposes. It is not very much, but we want to relieve the people. Many of our people have suffered as a result of this war.

When I first came to Iloilo, I asked the Governor to please take me around the City. I cannot even remember the city boundary due to the extent of damage to which it has suffered. Probably, your city has suffered as much as that of the Cebu City of Iloilo, but it is for us now to prepare the ground for the days to come. May God in his Kingdom give us life so that we can live up to the day of the declaration of peace! Out of the ashes, we can still rebuild a bigger and more beautiful Cebu and Iloilo, the pride of the Cebuanos and the Ilongos.

I was also informed that very soon, there will be a mopping operation up in the mountains of Panay which means that more civilians will be killed - more Filipinos will be killed. My dear friends, I am nobody. I cannot predict



what is going to happen. It is for us to come to understanding with the Japanese.

In Cebu, we have a very serious food problem. You can find not a single rise grain in Cebu. A pound of beef in Cebu now costs ₱8.00. The chief food of the people in Cebu is corn, but you know how poor is the Province of Cebu. We have always been dependent from Mindanao and from Java. You can imagine how hard to transport food from those places and you can also imagine the distress of your brothers in Cebu. When you eat in a restaurant or a parlor, you will find people outside the eating place with a can in their hands hoping that there will be some remnants from your table which they could grab. Now, we do not have any more corn. That is why I have come to ask the generosity of the Governor of Iloilo to help me. I have also here a telegram from Bohol and Negros Oriental asking for food. I sent a message to the Food Administrator which I dictated this morning and also to His Excellency, the President. I tell you my friends, that yours is an island of paradise. We have a terrible food shortage. So my friends, I come here also to intensify the food production campaign as we cannot tell what will happen next. Manila, too, is facing a shortage of food. What will happen if there is a shortage of food? There will be a food riot. When the children cry for food when there is no food, how ugly would it be. There will be disturbance throughout which would lead to the overthrowing of an organized government.

In Cebu, I have already issued the following order:

1. No member of the Neighborhood association can get any food ration unless he presents a certificate that he is engaged in food production campaign.
2. No employee can get his salary unless he shows the same certificate.
3. Every student, from fourth grade up to higher grades must devote at least one-half of their time in food production.
4. No payment of vouchers by the Government to any individual unless he shows the same certificate.
5. No license of any kind, repair of buildings, automobiles, including marriage license can be signed unless the interested party can show the same certificate.



We have now declared two meatless days in Cebu - Wednesday and Friday, in order to conserve the meat supply to prevent the slaughtering of cows and carabao which may be fit to work. I thought that you have promulgated the same orders, but I found out that the people here are contented. When we went to Guimbal, I was surprised to see that plenty of palay is being dried in nearly all sides of the road.

Well, my friends. I am almost through with my remarks, but before closing, I wish to inform you that the President is observing a very simple and frugal life. When the President had just been inaugurated into office, he was approached, right away by the palace keeper of Malacanang and was told that she needed ten thousand pesos so that she can properly equip the palace with beautiful curtains. The President replied: "What, ten thousand pesos for curtains? What do I need for curtains? This palace is too big for me and my family".

And I tell you my friends, President Laurel is not living in the Palace of Malacanang. Moreover, he is using nothing but a second hand Ford car. President Laurel is giving us an example that this is the time for economy. I wish to tell you that one time, after a lunch given in honor of General Ashiza, President Laurel invited me for a little conference and he took me to his office. I saw on his desk a list of appointments. I found out that he had already an appointment at 1:30 P.M., so that this goes to show that your President, my president is working from nine o'clock in the morning to 9:00 o'clock in the evening, with ^{out} interruption, except in the afternoon when he takes his afternoon exercise. He also told me how he nearly lost his life when two bullets were directed to his heart. The first bullet instead of going directly to his heart went a little upward, missing his heart by a fraction of a centimeter. The second bullet was also directed right straight to his heart, but by some unknown power, it went a little downward, missing his heart by a fraction of a millimeter. You might call it mystical but I call it Providential. Now, my dear friends, we are very glad that we have in our President a man who is really leading our country in the right path.

When he spoke at the convention in Cebu City of Governors, City Mayors and Commanders of Constabulary, he said: "I want independence because I do not want America to come back in the Philippines as I do not want the Philippines to be turned again to a battle field. I also want independence because I want the Japanese to get out of these lands."

My friends, I have been saying that I am through and yet I am not through. Now, I am ready to hear any suggestion from you but I would prefer that in this convention, you should prepare it in writing. Here, I have certain recommendations from the Governor and I am going to act on them. I am going to lay those which I cannot act to the President.

I am going to request every mayor who is here right now to employ men right away to gather all corrugated irons they could. They would mean nothing to you now, but you will need them. You know in Cebu how much they cost - they are not sold per sheet but per lineal foot. If you are not going to gather them, somebody will do it for you. I was yesterday in Guimbal and the first thing I saw was a few barrels of coil. I told them, for Heaven's sake, hide that coil for you will have need for them. Maybe not today, but you will need them and I am telling you right now.

Yesterday afternoon, when I went to the High Command and when we were coming out of the office, what did I see? I saw a file of books belonging to the Philippine Government - five thousand to ten thousand volumes. There is fortune and wisdom in those books. I told the High Command that I would like to get them back - right now, if possible, because those books belong to the Province of Iloilo. We need those books. Our children and our children's children need ~~them~~:

There are lots of things which we want to gather. Gather them while you can. Get them if we must, but get them at any rate. You cannot find a single piece of corrugated iron in Cebu. They are either sold or looted. Even those corrugated irons fried by fire, cannot be found in Cebu. Some of them have been converted into weapons of war. If that happens in Cebu, it may happen here in your province. So my friends, I am glad to be here so that I could give you my advice.



This position of mine is very high. I tell you my friends, my wife was opposed to my accepting this job. I conferred with lots of friends, among them were: Briones, Zulueta, Alunan and with Speaker Roxas. Before I accepted this job, I was number 3 in the black list in Cebu. The Governor was number 1; the mayor was number 2 and I was then the Judge of the Court of First Instance (looking at Judge Barrios), like you Justice Barrios, I was number 3 in the list. My wife said that when I was blacklisted as a Judge of the Court of First Instance of Cebu. I will be nine times blacklisted if I accept the position.

It is just a question of making our friends realize. We are not the enemies of the guerrillistas. They are our friends. How many of them who were taken by the Garrison, by the Keinpeitai in Cebu and were saved by those whom they have previously blacklisted! Now, they realize that ours is a mission of peace; they are all our friends because they are all Filipinos. We cannot blame them, because who knows that if we are in the mountains, we would have been Guerrillistas too. Sometimes because of circumstances, they are forced to join the guerillas, The guerrilleros who join in the plot to burn our towns and kill innocent civilians are our enemies, but the guerrillero who is fighting for his ideals is not the enemy of the Filipinos. It is for us to make him realize that we are his friends and if we cannot save him, at least we can advise him not to molest the civilians nor the Constabulary men. We are in the gigantic task of building up our county and we all hope that out of the ashes and ruins will rise a new and better Philippines for our happiness and for the happiness of our children and our children's children.

So my friends, finally I am through. Whatever suggestions you would like to give, kindly prepare them in due form.

Before I come to a conclusion, let me outline to you the powers and duties of my office. The Philippines is divided into three districts - Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao. Luzon is under the President of the Republic; Visayas is under the Commissioner for the Visayas and Mindanao is under the Commissioner for Mindanao and Sulu. The commissioner shall exercise general supervision and administrative control over the district in which he is assigned, and to perform such other duties as may be assigned by the President of the Republic of the Philippines. (In this instance, the Commissioner read the instructions given him in connection with his position).

I feel myself of liliputian size to tackle this job. I have not been a member of the assembly nor a member of the Legislature, altho I have been a president of the college of the Visayan Institute. When in fact, I proposed Avelino who has been a member of the Cabinet. I told the President that I am a square peg in the round hole. I do not have the experience. I do not have the background. The position that I have is high but yet so low. Sometimes, I think I am powerful, yet powerless; sometimes, I think I am omnipotent, yet impotent. Without the help and cooperation and with the advice of the Governors and the Mayors in the Visayas, I am helpless. I am asking the people to help me. Without your help, I may not succeed, but with your help, I may succeed. I thank you.

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22 April 44

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14 CUSHING.

G-2

In re plane crash in CEBU.

This is the plane reportedly from PALAU. Note that it is now identified as a flying boat.

Action taken:

I have signaled instructions that documents be sent to southern NEGROS for dispatch here at first opportunity.

Action recommended:

None.

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18 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 14 17 APRIL



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OF FOUR ENGINED FLYING BOAT THAT CRASHED 400 METERS OFF SAN FERNANDO COAST, SEVEN DEAD BODIES WERE RECOVERED BY ENEMY AND TWO LIVE JAPS WERE SENT IMMEDIATELY TO TINIAN BY PUPPETS. THESE TWO ARE PROBABLY SOURCE OF INFORMATION WHICH STARTED SEARCHING PARTY HEADED BY LT. COL. SEIITI OHNISI, COMMANDER OF OHNISI BUTAI (BATTALION); ILL-FAMED FOR ITS BRUTALITY.

WE ARE EXPECTING EFFORTS TO RECOVER ARTICLES AND PIECES FROM WRECKAGE, HOWEVER, EYEWITNESS REPORT STATES PLANE CAUGHT FIRE AND SUNK AFTER 30 MINUTES WITH SEVERAL MINOR EXPLOSIONS AFTER THE CRASH, JAP PATROL BOAT WAS ON THE SCENE SHORTLY AFTER FIRE WAS EXTINGUISHED.

TOTAL NUMBER PASSENGERS AND CREW WERE 27.

WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL FOR THE BROADCASTS ON REPRISAL ON ATROCITIES AND WOULD APPRECIATE IT HIGHLY IF CONTINUED. JAPS LAST OPERATIONS FOR RECOVERY OF TEN PRISONERS OF APRIL 3 TO 13 THEY KILLED AS REPORTED TO DATE 47 CIVILIANS FROM 2 1/2 TO 80 YEARS OLD, MALTREATING MANY OTHERS INCLUDING SLASHING OPEN PREGNANT WOMEN'S STOMACHS. REPEAT WE WOULD HIGHLY APPRECIATE CONTINUED BROADCASTS ON REPRISAL.

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11 April 1944

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 5

REFERENCE YOUR MESSAGE NUMBER EIGHT DESIRE IF POSSIBLE EVACUATION
TO THIS HEADQUARTERS AT EARLIEST OPPORTUNITY OF THE SENIOR PRISONERS WITH
AS MANY OF PARTY AS POSSIBLE CMA SELECTED IN ACCORD WITH RELATIVE IMPORTANCE PD
NORTHEAST COAST CEBU IS NAVIGATIONALLY IMPOSSIBLE PD CAN YOU SEND THEM UNDER
SAFE CONDUCT TO A RENDEZVOUS SITE SOUTHERN BOHOL OR SOUTHERN NEGROS CMA
PREFERENCE OF RENDEZVOUS AREA IN ORDER NAMED PD HOW SOON COULD PARTY BE AT
SITE PD PARTY BELIEVED OF UTMOST IMPORTANCE BE ALERT TO USE OF ASSUMED NAMES
AND RANKS ^{under which senior persons may pass as junior} PD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO KEEP THEM SAFE FOR EVACUATION AND PREVENT
RECAPTURE PD GIVE MATTER UTMOST SECRECY PD BURN WHEN READ



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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
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24 April 1944

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 10

VICTOR LOVE CHARLIE TWO A NEW AND POWERFUL SHORTWAVE BROADCAST
STATION COMMENCING MAY FIRST WILL INAUGURATE A SPECIAL PHILIPPINE HOUR PD
BROADCASTS [WILL BE DAILY FROM SEVENTEEN TO EIGHTEEN HOURS PAREN HOW TIME
PAREN ON NINE SIX EIGHT NAUGHT KILOCYCLES OR THE THREE NAUGHT POINT NINE
NINE METER BAND PD ^{NR TEN PT ONE OF 702 PD} CONSISTING OF ENTERTAINMENT AND NEWS FROM GENERAL
MACARTHURS HEADQUARTERS THE PROGRAM WILL GIVE PROMINENCE TO NEWS OF THE
PACIFIC BATTLEFRONTS PD UPON INAUGURATION REPORT RECEPTION CMA LISTENER
INTEREST AND REACTION CMA FORWARD SUGGESTIONS FOR PROGRAMS PD PUBLICITY
THROUGHOUT YOUR DISTRICT SHOULD BE GIVEN BROADCASTS



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25 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 16 24 APRIL

IT IS HIGHLY REQUESTED THAT INASMUCH AS SUBS CANNOT MAKE DIRECT LANDINGS IN CEBU, OTHER PROVINCES WHERE ARMS CAN BE DELIVERED BE REQUESTED TO GIVE A SPECIFIED AMOUNT TO THIS COMMAND AND WE WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITS TRANSFER HERE. THE SMALL AMOUNT OF AMMUNITION RECEIVED HAS ALREADY BEEN EXHAUSTED. RELIABLE INFORMATION SHOWS OTHER PROVINCES USING THEIR AMMUNITION FOR TARGET PRACTICE AND HUNTING WILD GAME WHEREAS WE ARE FORCED TO ABANDON POSITIONS IN THE FACE OF HEAVY ENEMY FIRE DUE TO LACK OF AMMUNITION WHICH CAUSES CASUALTIES.

SHOULD WE USE IN COMMUNICATIONS UNITED STATES FORCES IN THE PHILIPPINES (USFIP) OR UNITED STATES PHILIPPINE ISLAND FORCES (USPIF)? PHILIPPINE INTELLIGENCE GUIDE MENTIONS THE LATTER.

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : //

DUE TO DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCED IN TRANSSHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES
FROM MINDANAO OUR MESSAGE NUMBER ONE QUERIED WHETHER YOU WOULD PREFER
SUPPLY THROUGH NEGROS OR BOHOL PD AWAITING YOUR INDICATION OF PREFERENCE
PARA ADVISE PROGRESS IN COMPLIANCE WITH OUR NUMBER NINE



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26 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
SVC NR 5 23 APRIL

I AM IN BEST HEALTH, SENDING LOVE TO ALL. YOU WILL BE PROUD TO KNOW CHARLIE AND WALTER ALSO IN ARMY HERE. CHARLIE NOW PRISONER WAR, WALTER UNCONTACTED FOR EIGHTEEN MONTHS. SIGNED: LT. COL. JAMES M CUSHING. MRS GEORGE CUSHING, PHOENIX, ARIZONA, CARE MRS RICHARD CROMWELL OR CARE RED CROSS (PROPERTY OWNER LOS ANGELES).

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28 April 1944

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19 CUSHING.

In re recovery of enemy documents.

Recent advices disclose that enemy is offering rewards up to P50,000 for documents lost in SAN FERNANDO crash.

Action taken:

I am instructing ANDREWS to advise of their receipt immediately. Thereafter may be determined the advisability of regular pick up with supply mission or special pick up. Documents may be of considerable value.

Action recommended:

None.

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28 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 19 27 APRIL

THROUGH THE HELP OF FISHERMEN WE HAVE RECOVERED A LARGE QUANTITY DOCUMENTS AND TOO WHAT WE BELEIVE TO BE LANDING FLARES FROM THE CRASHED SEAPLANE OFF SAN FERNANDO. ALL NOW ENROUTE TO ANDREWS HEADQUARTERS.

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30 April 1944

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17 CUSHING

In re matter of CUSHING supply.

We will consign supplies to CUSHING via Southern NEGROS on next supply trip to that area. Advice to CUSHING should wait to avoid compromise to security.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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C.W.



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27 APRIL 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 17 26 APRIL

WE HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL REPORT FROM 10TH MILITARY DISTRICT RE LOSS OF MONEY AND IMPORTANT MATERIAL FOR US. FROM LATE INFO BOHOL IS TOO SPY INFESTED FOR A SHIPMENT THERE. WE WOULD PREFER MEETING IN SOUTHERN NEGROS. IF WE ARE TO RECEIVE ANYTHING WE REQUESTED EARLIEST POSSIBLE DELIVERY AS COMMUNICATIONS AND TRAVEL IS BECOMING MORE DIFFICULT EACH DAY. EFFECTS OF PROPAGANDA AND OUR DECLARATION OF WAR AGAINST BC HAS GAINED SURRENDER OF 110 BC ALL ARMED, MANY WITH TWO RIFLES.

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2 May 1944

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20 CUSHING

In re CUSHING request for authority to re-broadcast.

Station VIC is the new transmitter that is broadcasting a Philippine hour from here every evening from 7 to 8.

CUSHING wishes to re-broadcast program, presumably on the long wave band. I understand that such action would render his position readily detectable by the enemy and am so advising him.

Action taken:

See Comment.

Action recommended:

None.

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C.W.

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1 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 20 30 APRIL

REQUEST IF ADVISABLE SHOULD WE BE ABLE TO BROADCAST PROGRAM FROM NEW SHORT-WAVE STATION VLC PENDING ALTERNATION OF ONE OF OUR TRANSMITTERS. ONE OF OUR OFFICERS WHO IN PAST ENGAGEMENTS HAS SHOWN HIMSELF PROFICIENT AND OUTSTANDING, ATTEMPTED SUICIDE BECAUSE HE WAS FORCED TO WITHDRAW HIS MEN DURING A LATE ENGAGEMENT DUE TO LACK OF AMMUNITION. WE STATE THIS CASE AS AN EXAMPLE OF MORALE THAT EXISTS IN THIS PROVINCE.

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 14

REBROADCAST OF PROGRAM FROM STATION VICTOR LOVE CHARLIE TWO
INADVISABLE AS IT WOULD RENDER POSITION OF YOUR STATION EXTREMELY
VULNERABLE TO ENEMY DETECTION REFERENCE YOUR TWENTY

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3 May 1944

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In re captured enemy documents.

Assume that documents enroute to Southern NEGROS are accompanied among others by two escaped American prisoners of war - that documents, in re local situation, and sketches are enroute to FERTIG's Headquarters in company of another escaped American prisoner of war and one Retter, German sailor who has previously given considerable information which Navy has evaluated as substantially correct. Message is somewhat ambiguous but the foregoing appears to be its most logical interpretation.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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03 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 23 01 MAY

ALONG WITH RECOVERED DOCUMENTS FROM CRASHED SEAPLANE
ARE TWO FORMER PRISONERS OF WAR (AMERICAN) FROM BATAAN.
RETTOR (GERMAN SAILOR) AND ANOTHER AMERICAN PRISONER OF
WAR WITH DOCUMENTS AND SKETCHES ENROUTE TO FERTIG'S HQ.
WE ARE ATTEMPTING INTERCEPTION TO MEET YOUR CARRIAGE.

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4 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 25 2 MAY

CONGRATULATIONS VLC2, RECEPTION EXCELLENT. A FAINT MORSE CODE SIGNAL COULD BE HEARD BUT WE BELIEVE THIS TO BE LOCAL. IN BEHALF OF THE LOYAL CEBUANOS AND OUR PATRIOT FORCE, I WISH TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS OUR HEARTFELT THANKS AND APPRECIATION FOR THIS NEW PHILIPPINE HOUR. WE WISH TO MAKE SPECIAL MENTION ON THE EXCELLENT CHOICE OF MR. JAMES WINGO AND MR. MARQUARDT AS NEWS COMMENTATORS. GOOD LUCK STATION VLC2.

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4 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 26 2 MAY

TWO AMERICAN PRISONERS OF WAR ARRIVED ANDREWS HEADQUARTERS WITH MOST IMPORTANT ENEMY DOCUMENTS. MORE IS ON WAY. JUST ARRIVED THIS HEADQUARTERS ARE SOME 7.7 AMMUNITION IN DRUMS FOR MACHINE GUN FROM THE FOUR-MOTORED PLANE, ALSO RADIO FUSES. WE WILL FORWARD IN CASE THERE IS YET TIME TO MAKE THE MAIL.

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6 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 27 4 MAY

VLC2 WAS BLOCKED OUT BY CODE SIGNAL INTERFERENCE ON
SECOND DAY OF BROADCAST. ON THE THIRD DAY PRACTICALLY ENTIRE
BROADCAST BLOCKED OUT BY INTERFERENCE.

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12 May 1944

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28 CUSHING.

In re evacuation of escaped American Ps O W from NEGROS.

These escaped prisoners are the ones who conducted the captured documents from CEBU to NEGROS where they are now awaiting pick up. In view of CUSHING'S recommendation the evacuation of these officers is within the C in C's evacuation policy.

Action taken:

I have authorized ABCEDE to arrange for the officers' evacuation.

Action recommended:

None.

C. W.



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10 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR : 28 8 MAY

PERMISSION TO SEND TO THE S W P A THE ESCAPED AMERICAN PRISONERS HAS NOT BEEN GRANTED BY YOU. I HAVE TAKEN LIBERTY TO SEND THEM TO PLACES OF EXPECTED MAIL PICK-UP. HOPING FOR FAVORABLE CONSIDERATION. THESE EX-PRISONERS-OF-WAR ARE CAPABLE OF GIVING A FAIRLY CLEAR PICTURE OF CONDITIONS HERE HAVING TRAVELED THROUGH SEVERAL PROVINCES AND DISTRICTS BOTH UNDER THE JAPS AND IN FREE AREAS.

THERE STILL EXISTS IN OTHER PROVINCES INTER-PROVINCIAL WARFARE AND A CLOUD OF MISUNDERSTANDING DUE SELFISH DESIRE OTHER DISTRICT COMMANDERS TO CONTROL SAME PROVINCE ADJACENT THEIR AREAS.



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13 May 1944

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29 CUSHING.

In re request of CUSHING to attach guerillas of Northern LEYTE to his net.

Action recommended would violate KANGLEON'S command over LEYTE and should be avoided.

Interesting to note that CUSHING is now in position to supply radio units to LEYTE - tends to confirm that his supplies from FERTIG are getting through.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Advise CUSHING that KANGLEON as C.O. LEYTE Area Command is responsible for intelligence on the Island of LEYTE - that Dr. VELOSO and his followers are expected to recognize KANGLEON'S authority and loyally assist him.

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12 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 29 10 MAY

DR. DOMINGO VELOSO, FORMER DIRECTOR SOUTHERN ISLAND HOSPITAL, CEBU NOW WITH NORTHWEST LEYTE GUERRILLA FORCE. REQUESTS RADIO COMMUNICATION WITH YOU THROUGH THIS HEAD-QUARTERS. THIS UNIT HAS BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE AUGUST OF 1942 WITH THE BACKING OF PROMINENT PEOPLE OF THAT AREA. PRESENT MISUNDERSTANDING BETWEEN COL. KANGLEON AND THIS UNIT CAN BE PATCHED UP TO AVOID FURTHER BLOODSHED BETWEEN FRIENDLY UNITS IN LEYTE. WE BELIEVE THIS AREA NOT AT PRESENT COVERED FOR NAVAL INTELLIGENCE. IF PERMITTED, WE WILL SUPPLY THEM A TRANSMITTER AND ATTACH TO THIS NET.

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17 May 1944

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 16

KANGLEON AS COMMANDER CMA LEYTE AREA COMMAND CMA IS RESPONSIBLE
FOR INTELLIGENCE ON THE ISLAND OF LEYTE PAREN YOUR NUMBER TWENTY NINE PAREN PD
PLEASE INFORM DOCTOR VELOSO THAT HE AND HIS FOLLOWERS ARE EXPECTED BY ME TO
RECOGNIZE KANGLEONS AUTHORITY AND TO LOYALLY ASSIST HIM

see action sheet 2246

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30 CUSHING.

In re arrival of guerillas from NEGROS to CEBU.

This may be the remnant of GADOR'S outfit - may be related to ABCEDE'S wire of 3 May 1944 reading "WE HAVE ALREADY BROKEN UP THE LAST REMAINING WILD UNIT HERE IN NEGROS. HAVE CAPTURED SOME OF THEIR ARMS AND MOST OF THE LEADERS AND MEN FLED TO CEBU AND BOHOL".

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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12 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 30 10 MAY

ONE RECALCITRANT UNIT OF APPROXIMATELY 100 ARMED
MEN INCLUDING TWO AMERICANS DRIVEN FROM NEGROS NOW IN
CEBU. WE ARE ABSORBING THEM TO AVOID FURTHER BLOOD-
SHED AS ABCEDE HAS ADVISED US TO KEEP THEIR ARMS.

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17 May 1944

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34 CUSHING.

In re additional documents from CUSHING.

First batch of documents should arrive in two days. From them G-2 should be able to determine the desirability of arranging a second special pick up or leaving to regular supply run.

Action taken:

G-2 advised. Steps being taken to re-establish FERTIG-CUSHING communication.

Action recommended:

None.

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15 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 34 14 MAY

SECOND BATCH OF DOCUMENTS FROM CRASHED FOUR-MOTORED ENEMY PLANE ARRIVED SAME DAY BUT TOO LATE FOR MAIL. BETTER, GERMAN SAILOR WITH MAPS SENT TO MINDANAO; HOWEVER, WE HAVE NO REPORT AS WAT OFF THE AIR. ADVISE US OF PLACE AND APPROXIMATE TIME OF SECOND MAIL AS I HAVE BOATS IN MINDANAO AND SOUTHERN NEGROS STANDING BY.

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38 CUSHING.

In re captured enemy documents from PALAU.

Threatening message from Cebu enemy Naval Chief sent up yesterday was cause for some concern that some of documents might be recovered by the enemy. I wired for clarification of situation and this message discloses that the last increment of captured documents have left CUSHING and are now enroute to South NEGROS where Navy will pick up by operational sub upon arrival.

Action taken:

CUSHING has been advised Ps O W evacuation is not desired.

Action recommended:

None.

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25 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 7 SVC 24 MAY

SINCE I WAS COMMISSIONED JUST BEFORE INVASION CEBU I
HAVE NOT HEARD FROM MOTHER OR FAMILY. WOULD GREATLY APPRECI-
ATE KNOWING IF MY SERVICE MESSAGE NR FIVE DATED 25 APRIL
RECEIVED BY HER . I ALSO REQUEST SHE BE GIVEN THIRTY DOLLARS
A MONTH FROM MY PAY STARTING APRIL 1942.

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39 CUSHING.

In re supplies to CUSHING.

This an interesting message from CUSHING in that it confirms that supplies in substantial quantity are actually reaching him; and emphasizes the power of our propoganda.

Action taken:

We are sending in to South NEGROS a substantial load of supplies for CUSHING - His men are standing by to receive them.

Action recommended:

None.

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27 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 39 26 MAY

WE RECEIVED 120 CARBINES, TWO 50 CAL MACHINE GUNS,
TWO MORTARS, JAP MONEY, MEDICAL SUPPLIES, TWO DESTROYED
TRANSCEIVERS AND OTHER SIGNAL EQUIPMENTS CORRODED BY
SALT WATER. WE HIGHLY APPRECIATE EVERYTHING DONE FOR
US. HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE MORE AND MORE PROPAGANDA,
AS WE SEE IT HERE THERE IS NOTHING BETTER.

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29 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 42 28 MAY

WE DESIRE TAP AND DIE EQUIPMENT FOR REPLACING NUTS AND BOLTS LOST IN TRANSIT IN FIFTY CALIBER MACHINEGUN AND OTHER EQUIPMENT. WE ARE PLACING A QUARTERMASTER IN NEXT DELIVERY POINT TO TAKE CHARGE OF OUR EQUIPMENT. SOME EQUIPMENT RECEIVED HAS APPARENTLY BEEN USED OR TAMPERED WITH AS THEY ARE LACKING IN PARTS. WE ARE GRATEFUL BEYOND WORDS FOR ALL SHIPMENTS RECEIVED HERE AND DUE TO DIFFICULTIES INCURRED WE WOULD APPRECIATE HELP FROM YOUR HEADQUARTERS SO THAT SHIPMENTS NOT BE TAMPERED WITH IN TRANSIT.

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30 May 1944

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42 CUSHING.

In re CUSHING supplies.

Don't know just what this headquarters could do to prevent tampering with supplies enroute from 10th M.D. to CEBU. Believe the answer lies, as CUSHING apparently has discovered, in putting supplies in charge of his own representative.

Action taken:

Equipment requested will be forwarded.

Action recommended:

None.

C. W.



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41 CUSHING

In re CUSHING's objection to outside coverage in CEBU Province.

BANTAYAN Island is some distance from the CEBU mainland (see map).

The position was installed by SMITH primarily to observe the adjacent coastal routes prior to the activation of the CEBU Area Command. CUSHING's contention is basically correct but he will have his hands full for a long time in the interior of CEBU itself.

I think it best to take no action on this message at this time and so recommend.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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29 MAY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 41 28 MAY

ONE TRANSMITTER OPERATING IN BANTAYAN ISLAND CEBU WITH FOUR PERSONNEL CLAIMING TO BE FROM SWPA. WE ARE OF OPINION INTELLIGENCE LEFT TO THE AREA COMDR HOWEVER, WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED CONFIRMATION FROM YOU YET CONCERNING CEBU PROV. ON MAY 21, 400 JAP WOUNDED AND SICK ARRIVED CEBU CITY MANY OF WHOM ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN.

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SIGNAL CORPS MESSAGE

GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
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TO : CUSHING
FROM: MACARTHUR
NR : 19

WILL INCLUDE TWO NOUGHT TONS SUPPLIES FOR YOU IN SHIPMENT TO
SOUTHERN NEGROS THIS MONTH X CONTACT COLONEL ABCEDE AND ARRANGE
TRANS-SHIPMENT



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03 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 44 03 JUNE

JAPS HAVE TAKEN MY HQ ON 30TH BY SURPRISE; HOWEVER, CODES AND IMPORTANT PAPERS SAVED. WE HAD SEVERAL CASUALTIES IN RUNNING FIGHT FOR SAFETY. 30% HOUSES BURNED IN CENTRAL CEBU. JAPS STILL BURNING AND PROCEEDING NORTH. LARGE AREA SOUTHERN CEBU ALSO BURNED. REPORTS BOHOL HAS 76 THOUSAND SACKS RICE ARMY WAREHOUSES. NEGROS ARMY ALSO IN CONTROL LARGE DEPOSITS. INASMUCH WE HAVE RECEIVED NO MONEY WE REQUEST THEY GIVE US CORN, GRAINS AND RICE TO RELIEVE IMPENDING FAMINE CAUSED BY JAPS BURNING.

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03 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

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43 CUSHING

In re enemy evacuation of PALAU.

CUSHING's message 41, in reference, advised that "ON MAY 21, 400 JAP WOUNDED AND SICK ARRIVED CEBU CITY MANY OF WHOM ARE WOMEN AND CHILDREN."

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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4 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 43 29 MAY

JAP CIVILIANS REPORTED IN OUR NUMBER 41 FROM PALAU, ALSO WITH THEM ARE 1000 SOLDIERS. ONE TRANSPORT COULD NOT DOCK DUE TO SMALLPOX EPIDEMIC ABOARD. ON MAY 13TH, 1500 TO 1800 JAPS LEFT LILOAN, REPLACED BY 600 SHORTLY AFTER. LAHUG AIRFIELD BEING IMPROVED WITH ALL PUPPETS OFFERING ONE DAY A WEEK AS SHOW OF LOYALTY. LAST FEBRUARY JAPS OFFERED ONE GROUP IN NEGROS ALL ARMS NEEDED TO ATTACK LT.-COL. MATA.

(NOTE: WORD APPARENTLY LEFT OUT BETWEEN THE WORDS, "ATTACK" AND "LT.-COL. MATA.")

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4 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 45 3 JUNE

ALL DOCUMENTS NOW AT ANDREWS HEADQUARTERS. SUGGEST ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE WITH ABCEDA FOR OUR SHIPMENT IN VICINITY ZAMBOANGUITA--TOLONG, SOUTHERN NEGROS. JAPS USING FOUR TYPE "O" FLOAT PLANES AND FOUR TYPE 1, ARMY NAKAJIMA FIGHTERS IN DRIVE WHICH IS STILL IN PROGRESS. WE MAY BE FORCED OFF AIR AGAIN AS JAPS NOW 13 HOURS AWAY FROM HERE.

see cb sheets on map no. 23

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10 June 1944

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47 CUSHING

In re proposed evacuation of American POW escapee and German sailor.

RETTER is a German sailor who escaped from German blockade runner "Rosbach." Has been held in custody by CUSHING.

See attached messages 251,256 and 258 from ANDREWS for type of information sailor possesses. Note attached G-2 comment on PRS Action Sheet 1431. Navy believes information previously given was reliable and informally expressed a desire for his further interrogation.

Action taken:

USAFPE has been advised of Erving Joseph's escape and pending evacuation.

Action recommended:

Evacuation of RETTER along with American POW escapee in which action G-2 concurs.

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Action Sheet 1398
1431-attached.

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09 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 47 08 JUNE

TO GO WITH DOCUMENTS FOR YOUR HEADQUARTERS NOW AT ANDREWS HEADQUARTERS IS ERVING JOSEPH, AMERICAN BATAAN SOLDIER WHO ESCAPED FROM JAPS AFTER 15 MONTHS AS PRISONER AND HERBERT RETTER, GERMAN SAILOR WITH SKETCHES OF JAP BASES MENTIONED IN OUR FORMER MESSAGES.

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14 June 1944

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50 CUSHING

In re info from Jap prisoners held by CUSHING.

CUSHING advised that he held two enemy prisoners and queried whether the C in C desired to evacuate them to this area. Reply was dispatched in the negative but G-2 desired certain information. Message discloses that information desired was obtained - before demise of the prisoners.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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13 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 50 12 JUNE

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INFORMATION DESIRED IN YOUR NUMBER 18 FOLLOWS. (SORRY TO REPORT DEATH OF 2 JAP PRISONERS BY DIRECT HIT DURING RECENT ENEMY DRIVE.)

FIRST JAP, TOMEZERU HIYOSKI TOYO OKANO, SERIAL NR. 1987; SERGEANT, INFANTRY. FIRST COMPANY, FIRST BATTALION, 1678TH REGIMENT, AKATSUKI DIVISION. CAPTURED IN MINGLANILLA, CEBU, 13 MAY. BORN IN ASAKUSA, TOKYO. ARRIVED IN MANILA FROM MANCHURIA IN FEBRUARY THIS YEAR. TRAINED FOR 11 MONTHS IN PEKING. HE WAS STATIONED IN TALISAY, CEBU.

FROM HIM; OFFICERS IN TALISAY ARE: MAJOR ASANO YUTAKA, BATTALION COMMANDER; CAPTAIN NAKAMURA MOMUKI, EXECUTIVE OFFICER; 1ST LIEUTENANT KOMICHA YOSINARI, BATTALION ADJUTANT; 1ST LIEUTENANT NUKANO GORO, BATTALION SIGNAL OFFICER; 1ST LIEUTENANT IWAHASI JUZU, BATTALION TRANSPORTATION OFFICER; 1ST LIEUTENANT HATA JUZU, COMMANDER OF 1ST COMPANY; 2ND LIEUTENANT YOSIRU TOSIMI, EX-OVAL OF FIRST COMPANY; 1ST LIEUTENANT SACHONAMI KAICHI, COMMANDER OF 3RD COMPANY; IDA WASOLITO, PLATOON LEADER OF 3RD COMPANY; KASAHARA KIOSHI, MESS OFFICER; NAKOZIMA MINURO, OFFSHORE OFFICER; TAKIDA KIOJI, PLATOON LEADER;

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KONESE MAKUTU, SIGNAL OFFICER; KOBAYASI SADA-OVAL, SUPPLY OFFICER; SAJUKAY SOICHI, AERIAL INFORMATION OFFICER; KASHURA YOSIWO, MEDICAL OFFICER;

REGIMENTAL COMMANDER OF THE 1678TH REGIMENT OF THE AKASUKI DIVISION IS LT COL NAKANO SENSAKO. AKATSUKI DIVISION COMES FROM EISE PROVINCE OF JAPAN, AND IS DISTRIBUTED TO MANILA, CEBU AND CAGAYAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL.

OTHER UNITS ARE WATARU DIVISION, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MANILA; THE WATARU BRIGADE, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN CAGAYAN, AND THE KYOTO DIVISION, WITH HEADQUARTERS IN MANILA.

OTHER JAP, TOSIWO KIMI SATO, SERIAL NR. 1891; CORPORAL, SIGNAL CORPS. FIRST SIGNAL COMPANY, 1670TH REGIMENT, AKATSUKI DIVISION. BORN IN TOKYO AND TRAINED THERE FOR 2 YEARS. ARRIVED IN NEW GUINEA FROM TOKYO 3 DECEMBER, 1940.* ARRIVED MANILA FROM NEW GUINEA, 5 JANUARY, 1944, AND IN CEBU 10 JANUARY.

FROM HIM: 1ST LIEUTENANT NAKAMURA YOSIWO, COMMANDER OF 2ND COMPANY, AT TALISAY. CLAIMS THAT THE AKATSUKI DIVISION WAS ACCUMULATED FROM TOKYO, OSAKA, KYOTO, KOBE, YAMAGATA, EISE, SHIROSHIMA, SAYTAMA, KYUSHU, KYASHU, AUMUDE, HAKUDA, HOKAIDO AND SAPURU. THIS DIVISION SENT TO NEW GUINEA UNDER LT COL INOWE SADAZU, AND IN LESS THAN A MONTH THERE, HALF WAS SENT BACK TO JAPAN AND THE OTHER HALF LEFT IN CEBU UNDER LT COL ASANO TSUKASA.

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20 MOTORED BARGES STATIONED IN TALISAY PERMANENTLY. ALSO
20 AUTOMATIC WEAPONS, 40 GRENADE-DISCHARGERS RIFLES, 15 ANTI-
AIRCRAFT GUNS AND 6 AIRPLANE DETECTORS.

* SPELLED OUT "NINETEEN FORTY," APPARENTLY OMITTING FINAL FIGURE.

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52 CUSHING

In re enemy action in CEBU.

The enemy action apparently followed expiration of ultimatum for
surrender of the PALAU documents.

Action taken:

G-2 advised.

Action recommended:

None.

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17 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 52 16 JUNE

PLANES BOMBED AND STRAFED FOR TWO WEEKS ENDING ON TWELVETH. SINCE THEN THERE IS DAY AND NIGHT PLANE ACTIVITY PASSING OVER CEBU. OUR REPORT DELAYED DUE HEAVY ENEMY PRESSURE. LAST ENEMY PENETRATION STARTED LATER PART MAY SOUTHERN CEBU AND FINISHED IN NORTH MIDDLE JUNE. LAST WEEK FIVE THOUSAND ADDITIONAL TROOPS ARRIVED. JAPS APPARENTLY PREPARING FOR ANOTHER DRIVE OR THEY ARE ON ALERT. CONSOLIDATED REPORTS ON LAST JAP DRIVE FROM TWO REGTS (OTHER TWO REGTS REPORTS NOT YET IN) FOLLOWS: ENEMY KILLED IN 26 ENCOUNTERS 296, WOUNDED 57. OURS KILLED SIX, WOUNDED 12. CIVILIANS KILLED 16, WOUNDED TWO. ONE SOLDIERS WIFE HELPING HER HUSBAND ESCAPE KILLED ONE JAP, SHE WAS WOUNDED. DURING PENETRATION OUR COMBAT PATROLS ATTACKED EIGHT GARRISONS COMPLETELY BURNING TOLEDO GARRISON INCLUDING SUPPLY AND AMMUNITION DUMP THERE.

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55 CUSHING

In re CUSHING request for clarification intelligence responsibilities.
PERALTA's officer is probably assigned on a liaison mission.

Action taken:

sent 19 June CUSHING advised that as Area Commander he is responsible for the development of military intelligence in CEBU.

Action recommended:

None.

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18 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 55 17 JUNE

WE REQUEST WHETHER SIXTH MILITARY DISTRICT IS AUTHORIZED TO HANDLE INTELLIGENCE NET CEBU. THEIR LIAISON OFFICER IN CHARGE THIS NET REQUESTING OFFICE IN THIS HEADQUARTERS WITH FRONTAGE CEBU CITY (SORRY BUT JAPS HAVE TAKEN THIS SUITE). THIS REQUEST COMES FROM BOHOL WHERE THIS LIAISON OFFICER HAS BEEN FOR PAST TWO MONTHS AS CEBU IS TOO HOT TO ENTER YET.

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57 CUSHING.

In re reported plot against INGINIERO.

This is a period in which our commanders appear desirous of extending their areas of responsibility and authority. There is no evidence that CUSHING's leadership would be any better received by the people of BOHOL than that INGINIERO's would be by the people of CEBU.

As the campaign progresses it is probable that incidents will become general such as that reported to have occurred in INGINIERO's headquarters - a time in which calm leadership that steered the people through the dark days may be overwhelmed by those, heretofore in obscurity, who rush to get on the band wagon as the outlook becomes brighter and dangers appear to subside. The evidence clearly suggests however that the most difficult days for the people of BOHOL yet lie ahead.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Advise CUSHING that it is not necessary nor desired for him to send operatives to BOHOL to investigate the reported plot against INGINIERO.

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25 June*

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26 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 57 21 JUNE

A PLOT TO KILL MAJOR INGINIERO OF BOHOL BY HIS OFFICERS WAS FRUSTRATED BY TIMELY ARRIVAL OF SENATOR GARCIA IN HIS HEADQUARTERS. THE ORGANIZATION THERE IS DEMANDING A NEW OFFICER. IF YOU DESIRE WE CAN SEND OPERATIVES TO GET DETAILS CONCERNING THIS TROUBLE, PLEASE ADVISE. I FIRMLY BELIEVE THE 8TH MILITARY DISTRICT CAN BE SUCCESSFULLY REORGANIZED. THIS CONSOLIDATION WILL GREATLY RELIEVE FOOD PRESSURE AND PERMIT EXCHANGE OF TROOPS AS RELIEFS. IT WILL ALSO ADD GREATLY TO THE HARMONY AND COMMUNICATION WITH 9TH AND 10TH MILITARY DISTRICT. WE HAVE SEVERAL FAST ARMED LAUNCHES THAT CAN BE EMPLOYED FOR COMMUNICATION. THIS WILL GREATLY MINIMIZE CHAIN OF COMMAND AND ADD TO THE TRAINING OF TROOPS BEHIND THE LINES. THIS ARRANGEMENT WILL FACILITATE MOVEMENT OUR GROUPS UNDER PRESSURE AND INSURE NECESSARY COOPERATION. (THIS WILL PREVENT ATTEMPTED DETENTION AS EXPERIENCED BY FORMER UNITS FORCED TO BOHOL OF WHICH WE HAVE AFFIDAVITS.)

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58 CUSHING.

In re situation in NEGROS as reported by CUSHING.

We have had little indication of the NEGROS situation which CUSHING reports from ABCEDE. Assuming the situation to be correctly reported there is little that advisers could do to remedy the same even if dispatched as recommended.

It is furthermore extremely doubtful that food in any great quantity could be procured or shipped from LEYTE or BOHOL to either CEBU or NEGROS in view of the enemy patrol of adjacent waters, enemy occupation of Western LEYTE and the apparent strained relations existing between CUSHING and INGINIERO. There appears to be no remedial action available to this headquarters in the matter reported other than to possibly advise ABCEDE if he confirms CUSHING's report on the NEGROS situation and requests advice.

Action taken:

None.

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Action recommended:

None.



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25 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 58 23 JUNE

ABCEDE NO POSITION TO HELP FOOD SITUATION CEBU. LAST TWO WEEKS FIVE THOUSAND EVACUEES FROM NEGROS TO CEBU WITH MORE STILL COMING. INTERIOR NEGROS RAIDED BY JAPS AND UNCONTROLLED UNITS. UNLESS YOU SEND ADVISERS THAT ISLAND HEADED TOWARD FAMINE AND DISASTER. IMPERATIVE WE HAVE OLD PHIL CURRENCY AT EARLIEST POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITY TO ALLEVIATE THIS SITUATION. PLENTY FOOD IN LEYTE AND BOHOL FOR SALE. NEW SCRIPT ACCEPTABLE THESE ISLANDS ONLY BY THREAT FROM ARMY.

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59 CUSHING.

In re situation in CEBU.

The availability of Filipino manpower in sizable numbers to bear arms has been considered by the C in C (conversation with Dr. Carson, et al., 10 April) the problem being how to deliver arms to them by the time desired. In this respect CEBU is probably no different than any other Province in the Philippines.

CUSHING's direct suggestion that BOHOL be placed under CEBU for the re-activation of the old 8th Military District may suggest that some of CUSHING's recent reports implying INGINIERO's inability to control the BOHOL forces are in the nature of sniping tactics designed to undermine the confidence of this headquarters in INGINIERO's ability to properly discharge his command responsibilities.

CUSHING's request should be ignored.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.



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26 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 59 25 JUNE

NOT LESS THAN TWENTY FIVE THOUSAND VOLUNTEER GUARDS IN CEBU OF WHICH TEN THOUSAND ABLE BODIED MEN FIT FOR MILITARY SERVICE. MOST OF TOTAL ARE UNDERGOING BASIC MILITARY TRAINING. OUR POLICY NOT TO INDUCT ANYONE WITHOUT ARMS AS THIS INCREASES FOOD PROBLEM. THERE IS ONE POTENTIAL DIVISION STANDING BY FOR ARMS. NEGROS UNHEARD FOR ABOUT THREE WEEKS, REITERATING OUR REQUEST THAT BOHOL BE PLACED UNDER CEBU TO COMPLETE EIGHTH MILITARY DISTRICT AND FACILITATE ARMS SHIPMENTS. THEIR PRESENT ORGANIZATION IS WITHOUT SECRECY DISCIPLINE. IF REQUEST GRANTED I WILL PERSONALLY SUPERVISE HANDLING OF SHIPMENTS.

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28 JUNE 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHTNG

NR 61 27 JUNE

DUE LAST ENEMY DRIVE WE AGAIN SHORT M-2 CALIBRE AMMO AND MORTAR SHELLS. WE REQUEST LIGHT AUTOMATIC WEAPONS (BAR BROWNING AUTOMATIC RIFLES AND SUB THOMPSONS) FOR MOBILE PURPOSES. ALSO LARGE SUPPLY M-2 AMMO. WE HAVE NOTED OUR ORIGINAL REQUEST WAS ALTERED BY RELAY STATION. INTELLIGENCE REPORT TYPE 2B: 200 WHITE PRISONERS OF WAR BELIEVED TO BE PARATROOPS FROM BURMA BEING HELD FORT SAN PEDRO. TERRIBLY MALTREATED WITH LITTLE OR NO CLOTHES AND FORCED TO WORK ON PIERS AT HARD LABOR. MORE INFO IS BEING OBTAINED AND ATTEMPTS WILL BE MADE AT RESCUE. SEVERAL IN CITY BEARING FOLLOWING NUMBER 2748 WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE CODE NUMBER OF ARMY UNIT. SOUND DETECTOR REPORTED BEING INSTALLED TOP SCHOOL BUILDING LILOAN. TWO GUN BOATS STATIONED LILOAN DOCK.

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10 July 1944

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Svc 12 CUSHING

In re captured enemy PALAU documents.

Documents in reference failed to reach the submarine due to a ball up between ABCEDE and ANDREWS. The failure was inexcusable. Value of documents has naturally decreased with age but there may be important defense data which should not be overlooked.

Action taken:

ABCEDE has been instructed to secure documents from ANDREWS immediately and be prepared for sub contact on forty eight hours notice. It is planned to arrange rendezvous at sea off of the South NEGROS coast by the NAUTILUS as soon as present mission to LEYTE is completed.

CUSHING will be advised as soon as pick up has been effected.

Action recommended:

None.



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To: Cushing
Fr: MacArthur
Re: 25

S.J.C.

Documents mentioned in your Number Svc 12 now
safely at hand Pd your effort in this matter appreciated

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10 JULY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR SVC 12 09 JULY

SEVERAL QUERIES TO ABCEDE REGARDING 20 POUNDS OF DOCUMENTS TAKEN FROM PLANE WHICH CRASHED IN SAN FERNANDO ARE UNANSWERED. ALL OUR QUERIES FROM SEVENTH MIL DIST ARE DELAYED ONE TO TWO MONTHS THEN ARE SOMETIMES ANSWERED TWICE. WE ARE WORRIED ABOUT THESE DOCUMENTS AS I KNOW YOU WANT THEM.

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14 July 1944

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71 CUSHING

In re message from Governor ABELLANO of CEBU.

This message is designed to support CUSHING's desire to enlarge the scope of his command to embrace the entire 8th Military District (CEBU and BOHOL). If INGINIERO and his forces did in fact lay low without offering resistance to the enemy it is probable that the latter will eventually withdraw following the usual pattern of movement and permit the resumption of our operations in that area - if on the other hand resistance was attempted it is more than likely that the enemy will remain in strength after quickly overcoming such resistance.

Message appears to call for no reply.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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S.J.C.

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14 JULY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 71 12 JULY

RELAYING MSG OF CEBU GOVERNOR ABELLANA TO YOU:

"PAYING MY RESPECTS AGAIN TO YOU AND INFORMING YOU I HAVE ARRIVED HEADQUARTERS CEBU AREA COMMAND NINTH JULY FROM BOHOL HAVING LEFT THIS PROVINCE THREE DAYS BEFORE IT WAS INVADED BY JAPS. IT BEHOOVES US TO INFORM THAT INVADERS MET NO RESISTANCE AND FROM MY PERSONAL KNOWLEDGE OF SITUATION IT IS FEARED THAT IF NO IMMEDIATE ACTION IS TAKEN, BOHOL FORCE MIGHT BE DOOMED AND ARMS SURRENDERED TO OR CAPTURED BY ENEMY. PREVIOUS TO LAST INVASION AND DESPITE THE FACT THAT THE GREATER PART OF BOHOL WAS UNOCCUPIED BY ENEMY, CIVILIANS DID NOT GET PROPER TREATMENT AND DUE ATTENTION FROM CIVIL AND MILITARY AUTHORITIES WHO FUNCTION EXCLUSIVELY FOR THEMSELVES WITHOUT REGARD FOR THE GENERAL WELFARE OF THE CIVILIANS. DURING THAT PERIOD THE GENERAL FEELING WAS PARTICULARLY HOSTILE AGAINST MILITARY AUTHORITIES. IN MY OPINION IT IS ABOUT TIME THAT BOHOL FORCE BE INJECTED WITH NEW VIGOR AND SPIRIT. ACTUAL AND NATURAL CONDITIONS DEMAND THAT CEBU AND BOHOL FORCES BE COORDINATED IN ORDER TO ESTABLISH UNIFORM CIVIL AND MILITARY POLICIES. I AM STANDING BY HERE FOR ANY INSTRUCTIONS FROM YOU AND PRESIDENT QUEZON."

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30 JULY 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 86 29 JULY



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MY STAFF OFFICERS REQUEST I REITERATE LOSS OF SUPPLIES AT SEVENTH MILITARY DISTRICT. CEBU AREA QMC OFFICERS IN SEVENTH MILITARY DISTRICT REPORTS ALL BOXES MARKED CG OPENED WITH (NICKNACKS) AND SIGNAL EQUIPMENT STOLEN, IN WESTERN NEGROS RELAY STATION, 40 CARBINES ARE TAKEN BY UNIT CC CAPT. VILLARIN WHO HAS REFUSED TO TURN THEM OVER IN SPITE OF THE ORDER OF HIS COMMANDING OFFICER, LT. COL. ASPILLA TO THAT EFFECT. MY FIRST GROUP OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN WITH BOATS SENT TO HANDLE SHIPMENT WERE RETURNED TO CEBU FEW DAYS PRIOR TO ARRIVAL OF SHIPMENT IN NEGROS, QUERY TO SEVENTH MILITARY DISTRICT REGARDING THIS ACTION HAS NOT BEEN ANSWERED. MY APOLOGIES SMALL STUFF COMPLAINTS, REITERATING OUR REQUEST FOR SHIPMENT IN SOUTHERN CEBU.

TIME DECODED: 300130/Z

*arrangements will be made by direct
delivery to Southern Cebu if feasible.
Last shipment to Cushing was delivered to Negros.*
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03 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 84 27 JULY (COMPLETED COPY)

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YOUR INFO FOLLOWS THIS LETTER OF GULLAS TO GENERAL LIAISON OFFICER OF JAPS FOR THE VISAYAS:" 1) THIS IS TO INFORM YOU THAT THERE ARE MANY CEBU LABORERS WHO HAVE RETURNED FROM DEL MONTE, CAGAYAN, MISAMIS ORIENTAL, WHERE WE SENT THEM TO WORK IN THE AIRFIELDS. THEY CAME BACK, MANY ILL WITH MALARIA AND BRINGING TALES OF BAD TREATMENT. SOME OF THOSE WE SENT WERE PRISONERS. SOME HAVE DIED, OTHERS ARE ILL. I HAD TO FURNISH THESE WITH MEDICINE AND RICE TO ENABLE THEM TO RECUPERATE. A FEW WEEKS AGO, UPON THE INVITATION OR REQUEST OF YOUR OFFICE, THE GOVERNOR AND I WENT PERSONALLY TO MACTAN TO SPEAK TO THE SIX OR SEVEN THOUSAND LABORERS, INVITING THEM TO GO TO CAGAYAN TO WORK IN THE AIRFIELD. ALL THOSE WHO MAY HEAR THE STORY OF THESE RETURNEES NATURALLY WILL NOT CARE TO GO TO MINDANAO. IT WILL DISCREDIT AND HAMPER OR OBSTRUCT OUR WORK AND OUR EFFORTS IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE AIRFIELDS. THE SICK AND THE ILL-TREATED MAY TELL HOW THEY WERE ILL FED, BEATEN UP, UNPROVIDED WITH CLOTHING OR COVER TO STAND THE DAMP AND THE COLD IN THE MOUNTAINS, RESULTING IN THEIR LOW VITALITY AND CONTRACTING MALARIA AND ESPECIALLY THOSE WHO RECEIVED MUCH ILL TREATMENT FROM THE JAPANESE GUARDS. IF THE AUTHORITIES

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(P-2 OF CUSHING'S NR 84)

CANNOT GET LABORERS TO GO TO MINDANAO, LET ON ONE
BLAME YOUR OFFICE OR OUR OFFICE. THE BLAME MUST BE
LAID AT THE DOOR OF THOSE JAPANESE SOLDIERS OR GUARDS
RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEGLECT AND UNKIND TREATMENT.
VERY TRULY, PAULINO GULLAS, COMMISSIONER FOR THE
VISAYAS."

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4 August 1944

G-2

88 CUSHING.

In re BOHOL situation.

Message suggests that BOHOL forces will be regrouped once the enemy has concluded his mopping up operations. It is to be expected, however, that strong enemy garrisons will be maintained leaving little opportunity for guerilla action, other than intelligence, for future. The extensive road net of the Island readily lends itself to enemy suppressive measures.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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S. J. C.

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04 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 88 02 AUGUST

OUR COURIER UNABLE TO CONTACT MAJOR INGENIERO HAS RETURNED WITH OFFICER OF BOHOL G-2 AND FOLLOWING MESSAGES: "YOUR MOST URGENT MESSAGE OF 28 JUNE RECEIVED THROUGH COLONEL CUSHING. CONSIGNMENT OF SUPPLIES CANNOT BE RECEIVED AT SITE INDICATED DUE TO ENEMY MOPPING UP OPERATIONS, HOWEVER FUTURE DIRECT SHIPMENTS CAN BE RECEIVED AT KABULAO BAY. PLEASE ADVISE US OF DATE GIVING SEVEN DAYS ALLOWENCE FOR COURIER."

MAJOR BEROIDO HAS TAKEN COMMAND OF BOHOL. OTHER MESSAGES FROM BOHOL NOT SENT AS THEY COVER ENEMY DRIVE THERE AND LOSS OF CONTACT. UPON ARRIVAL OUR EQUIPMENT, WE CAN FURNISH THEM WITH RADIO CONTACT IF ADVISABLE BY YOU. OFFICER COURIER STANDING BY WAITING YOUR FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
A.P.O. 500

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4 August 1944
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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 35

EXPENDITURE OF ALL FUNDS HERETOFORE DELIVERED OR HEREAFTER TO BE DELIVERED TO YOU BY THIS HEADQUARTERS MUST BE ACCOUNTED FOR IN SUCH DETAIL AS THE CIRCUMSTANCES WILL PERMIT PD THESE ARE WAR DEPARTMENT REGULATIONS PD BY EVERY MAIL DISPATCHED FROM YOUR AREA IT IS DESIRED THAT THERE BE A REPORT COVERING THIS MATTER

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5 August 1944

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82 CUSHING.

In re supply of the CEBU Area Command.

Message discloses that supplies to CUSHING trans-shipped through the 7th M.D. (NEGROS) have started to arrive in CEBU. Some pilferage was noted enroute. This is understandable and the C.O. 7th M.D. can hardly be blamed.

We are endeavoring however to develop the means to deliver supplies direct to the South CEBU coast which CUSHING has indicated he believes is now feasible from the standpoint of enemy land dispositions.

Message further discloses that CUSHING is ready to inaugurate the air warning flash system.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

None.

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S.J.C.

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4 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 82 27 JULY

FIRST AND SECOND INSTALLMENTS OUR SUPPLIES, REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER 25, ARRIVED CEBU. OUR MAIL BAG CONTAINING ONLY ONE LETTER FROM CHICK PARSONS WITH INVOICE AND SOME PROPAGANDA FORCED OPEN ALONG WITH OTHER BOXES MARKED CG. QUARTERMASTER 7TH MIL. DIST. WHEN APPRISED THIS FACT ANSWERED HE PROMISED MINIMIZE "EXPECTED LOSSES UNDER THE ATTENDING CIRCUMSTANCES." AS MENTIONED BY ABCEDE, OUR SIGNAL SUPPLIES WILL BE SENT LAST. LATTER PART THIS MONTH WE HAVE SUFFERED SEVERAL ENEMY PENETRATIONS LASTING FROM TWO TO THREE DAYS CAUSING SLIGHT DAMAGE ONLY. NAVAL REPORTS WITH NIGHT OBSERVATION ARE FACILITATED NOW BY OP'S AT COAST LINE. AERIAL OBSERVATION, REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER SPECIAL DATED JULY 14, CHANGE INTO OPERATION FIRST WEEK AUGUST USING OUR PRESENT THREE STATIONS. THE TOMMIES MGS NOT MENTIONED IN YOUR NUMBER 25 CAME AS A PLEASANT SURPRISE AND WE ARE INDEED GRATEFUL FOR THE ENTIRE SHIPMENT.

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : *RS*

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SUPPLIES LANDED FOR YOU IN CARE COL ABCEDE CONSIST
GENERALLY OF FIVE FIVE NAUGHT CARBINES TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND
ROUNDS CARBINE AMMO SEVENTY THOUSAND RIFLE AMMO TWENTY THOUSAND
PISTOL AMMO FOUR HUNDRED HAND GRENADES THREE THOUSAND SHOTGUN
AMMO FIFTEEN HUNDRED POUNDS MEDICAL SUPPLIES FORTY SEVEN HUNDRED
POUNDS SIGNAL EQUIPMENT INCLUDING COMPLETE RADIO SETS AND SPARES
OUTLINED FOR ONE YEARS REQUIREMENTS YOUR AREA ASSORTMENT OF
PROPAGANDA ITEMS AND SUNDRY SUPPLIES ALSO ONE MILLION PESOS
JAPANESE MILITARY CURRENCY PD ARRANGE TO TAKE DELIVERY DIRECT
WITH ABCEDE

SENT IN CODE

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10 August 1944

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90 CUSHING.

In re message from people of CEBU to President OSMENA.

None.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Transmit message.

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20 AUG. 75 S.J.C.



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10 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 90 02 AUGUST

IN CONDOLENCE OF THE DEATH OF OUR LATE PRESIDENT, WE WISH TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT OSMENA FROM THE FREE PEOPLE OF CEBU: "WE HAVE HEARD AND NOTED THE PASSING OF OUR GREAT LEADER AND A CLOSE FRIEND OF YOURS, PRESIDENT QUEZON. EVEN AS OUR HOPES WERE DEPENDENT UPON THE RETURN OF OUR LATE PRESIDENT WITH THE UNITED STATES FORCES, WE FEEL CONFIDENT THAT NOW IN YOUR PRESENT OFFICE YOU TOO WILL CARRY THE TORCH OF LIBERATION AS CARRIED BY LATE PRESIDENT. BE ASSURED THAT WE ARE THE SAME FOLLOWERS IN OUR LEADERS SINCE BEFORE THE INVASION AND OUR DETERMINATION REMAINS THE SAME UNTIL THE DAY OF OUR LIBERATION. YOUR POST IS BACKED BY NOT ONLY ONE MILLION CIVILIANS OF THIS PROVINCE BUT BY THE ENTIRE FREE PEOPLE OF THE PHILIPPINES".

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12 August 1944

G-2

92 CUSHING.

In re messages to Mrs. QUEZON and President OSMEÑA.

None.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Transmit messages through the W.D.

S.J.C.

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11 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 91 2 AUGUST

IN CONDOLENCE OF THE DEATH OF OUR LATE PRESIDENT,
WE WISH TO SEND THE FOLLOWING MESSAGE TO MRS QUEZON
FROM THE FREE PEOPLE OF CEBU: " THE PASSING OF YOUR LATE
HUSBAND AND OUR LEADER HAS CAUSED AMONGST ALL SOLDIERS AND
LOYAL CIVILIANS AN UNBEARABLE SORROW AND DEEP SYMPATHY FOR
THE FAMILY. OUR BLEEDING HEARTS HAVE NO WORDS TO EXPRESS
TO YOU THE LOSS OF OUR LEADER. HIS WORK AND YOURS AS THE
FIRST LADY OF THE LAND SHALL NEVER BE FORGOTTEN."

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12 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
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REQUEST FOLLOWING MESSAGES FROM GOVERNOR ABELLANA
BE SENT TO PRESIDENT OSMENA AND MRS QUEZON.

GOVERNOR ABELLANA TO MRS QUEZON:

THE PEOPLE OF CEBU DEEPLY GRIEVE THE PASSING OF YOUR
BELOVED HUSBAND. THE PHILIPPINES HAS LOST ITS FOREMOST
LEADER AND STATESMAN AT THE TIME WHEN HE IS MOST NEEDED TO
GUIDE ITS DESTINY IN A WORLD TORN OUT BY THE PRESENT GLOBAL
CONFLICT. SINCE HIS DEPARTURE FROM OUR SHORES, FORCED BY
THE PRESENCE OF THE INVADING ENEMY FORCES, THE PEOPLE OF
CEBU HAVE NOT CEASED TO HOPE AND PRAY FOR THE DAY OF HIS
RETURN TOGETHER WITH THE LIBERATING FORCES OF THE UNITED
NATIONS. BUT HIS DEATH CANNOT SHATTER THE HOPES PINNED ON
HIM BY HIS PEOPLE, BECAUSE HIS MEMORY WILL FOREVER LINGER
IN THEIR MINDS, AND HIS UNPARALLELED PATRIOTISM WILL CONT-
INUE TO INFLUENCE AND INSPIRE THE PRESENT AND FUTURE GEN-
ERATION. WE JOIN IN YOUR BEREAVEMENT.

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NR 92 CONTINUED:

GOVERNOR ABELLANA TO PRESIDENT OSMENA:

YOUR ONE MILLION CEBURNOS NOW ACTIVELY COOPERATING WITH THE FORCES OF THE CEBU AREA COMMAND IN THEIR VALIANT RESISTANCE AGAINST THE ENEMY, WERE DEEPLY SHOCKED TO HAVE LEARNED THE PASSING OF THEIR BELOVED PRESIDENT. THE ANNOUNCEMENT OF YOUR ASSUMPTION TO THE PRESIDENCY, HOWEVER, HAS GIVEN THEM NEW HOPES AND CONFIDENCE OF THEIR DELIVERANCE FROM THE ENEMY IN ANY DISTANT FUTURE. THE PEOPLE OF CEBU MOST SINCERELY PARTICIPATE WITH THE REST OF THE COUNTRY IN ITS NATIONAL BEREAVEMENT.

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16 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 105 15 AUGUST

MOALBOAL GARRISON WITHDRAWN AND BURNED WITH TOWN BY ENEMY. PILOTS AND CAHUMAYHUMAYAN GARRISONS DESTROYED UPON THEIR ARRIVAL TEN DAYS AGO, ALSO TUBURAN AND ARGAO WITHDRAWN AT SAME TIME. APPROXIMATELY 350 JAPS WHICH PENETRATED HAVE ALSO WITHDRAWN SEVERAL DAYS AGO. INTELLIGENCE REPORT STATES ASTURIAS TO BE WITHDRAWN AND AT PRESENT REPORT STATES HOSTAGE BEING TAKEN AND WOMEN BEING RAPED. (LARGE NUMBER SHIPS NOW PRESENT CEBU MAKE US APPREHENSIVE AS TO NEXT MOVE OF ENEMY. ENEMY HAS PREVIOUSLY USED SMALL WITHDRAWALS PRIOR TO INTENSIVE DRIVES. ANY INFORMATION OF TROOP MOVEMENTS IN ADJACENT PROVINCES MAY GIVE US BETTER UNDERSTANDING ON WHICH TO WORK WITH. YOUR NR 36 (RECEIVED AUGUST 10TH) FEASIBLE, WE ARE WAITING ANSWER TO OUR NR 97.

(TYPED 160230/Z)

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 39

EXPRESSIONS OF SYMPATHY AND YOUR MESSAGE APPRECIATED PD
PATRIOTIC STAND OF OUR PEOPLE MAKES ME PROUD PD YOUR WORK PLEASES ME
GREATLY PD IN THE FULFILMENT OF MY TASK AM DEPENDING PAREN FROM
PRESIDENT OSMENA TO COLONEL CUSHING AND FREE PEOPLE OF CEBU PAREN
ON YOUR ASSISTANCE PD WHEN AMERICAN FORCES RETURN I WILL BE WITH THEM
WITH THE ASSURANCE THAT WE WILL HAVE THE LOYAL AND COMPLETE SUPPORT
OF ALL PD REGARDS TO ALL

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ROUTING SLIP

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Executive	Lt Col W M Turner	---
Col G A Rehm	Lt Col F H Boland	---
Administration	Maj E C Hawes	---
Maj H W Fort	Maj R L Specht	---
CWO C J Hallinan	Capt M Carrington	---
WO(jg) H J Farrington	Lt M M Fitzpatrick	---
	Lt T C Bird	---
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Col C Whitney	Lt J A Isely	---
Capt C C Integer	Lt R R Smith	---
Col J M Bartella		---
Col J E Bowen	Drafting	---
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Lt Col E J Macherey		---
Lt Col K I Curtis	Chief Clerk	---
Lt Col J V Rathbone		---
Maj L J Loughran		---
Maj D G Sheppard		---
Maj R B Steale		---
Lt Comdr N E Weaver		---
Maj F E Anderson		---
Capt L A Telesco		---
Capt H B Bowman		---
Lt J A Sipple		---
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Brig T W White	Comment	---
Col B R Feyson	Concur	---
Col H C McLean	Info	---
Capt R D Tarback	Nec Action	✓
Col D Larr	Signature	---
Col R H Kreuter	Ret Adm	---
Comdr R W Allen	Note Ret	---
Lt Col D M Cheston	Dispatch	---
Maj E J Latoszewski	Summary	---
Lt Comdr R H Anberg	Journal	---
Lt Comdr F E Forchert	Your File	---
Maj G T Walker	File Adm	---
Maj K E Oviatt		---
Lt J T Spangler		---



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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
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CHECK SHEET

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File No.:

Subject:

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From: G-3

To: G-2

Date: 18 August 1944

1. Attention is invited to message number 105 of 15 August from CUSHING, copy attached.

2. Will you prepare a reply giving any significant troop movements reported in adjacent areas which might tend to effect his position.

Incl:
Msg 105
fr Cushing

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G-2

To: G-3

Date: 19 Aug/44

1. Type of information required by Cushing is not completely available in the P.I. Such data is a compilation of reports from all sources, analysis of troop movements and ship traffic, tonnages, etc.

2. This query raises an interesting point: Is there a lack of liaison between adjacent Guerrilla Commands?

3. From a materiel point of view, all MD Commanders can talk to each other - there is nothing in the way of frequencies etc. which would bar communication between them. Lack of communication is due to mutual mistrust.

However, attached radio answers Cushing's questions.

*This could
be only
partially right
if right at all
11/26*

Incl: As indicated above.

CAW/nrb
Information Copies:
Col Mellnik, P.I.

C.A.W.

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16 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 105 15 AUGUST

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Quintilla resistance in Cebu will have a difficult period to survive - but it has in past survived seemingly desperate situations.

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19 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

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NR 112 18 AUGUST

MASS AND DUE RESPECT THROUGHOUT THE PROVINCE OF CEBU PAID THE PRESIDENT UPON HEARING OF HIS DEATH OVER THE RADIO. REVERENCE WILL BE PAID THE LEADER OF THE PHILIPPINES ON THE DAY OF HIS BIRTH. HOWEVER WE ARE UNABLE TO HOLD THE HOLIDAY DUE ENEMY PRESSURE. SINCE AUGUST 12TH JAPS HAVE BEEN PENETRATING INTO THE SOUTHERN CENTRAL PART FROM PINAMUNGAJAN, RIBONGA, ALOGUINSAN AND ONE OTHER POINT. DALAGUETE GARRISON HAS BEEN WITHDRAWN ONE DAY PRIOR TO THE ATTACK. WITHIN THIS PROVINCE THERE IS INDICATION OF GENERAL WITHDRAWAL. ENEMY PENETRATION WILL NOT AFFECT YOUR NUMBER 36. WE HAVE A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF JAPANESE DOCUMENTS AND PERSONAL PAPERS, LETTERS ETC, FROM JAPS INCLUDING PAPERS FROM JAP COLLABORATORS.

Cushing's position (Cebu) has been under relentless enemy pressure ever since the surrender.

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20 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 95 09 AUGUST (CORRECTED COPY)

RECEIVED UP TO DATE 50,000 PESOS NIP OF WHICH EACH OF THE FOUR REGIMENTS HAS RECEIVED 12,000 FOR INTELLIGENCE WORK AND OUR SPECIAL G-2 DEPARTMENT HAS SPENT APPROXIMATELY 30,000. THE EXTRA EXPENDITURE HAS BEEN MADE FEASIBLE BY SMALL DONATIONS IN NIP CURRENCY. DONATIONS, GOVERNMENT FUNDS AND LAWFULLY CONFISCATED MONEY DO NOT EXCEED 200,000 PHILIPPINE CURRENCY OF WHICH AN DAUDITED AND MOST DETAILED REPORT FOLLOWS BY MAIL FROM OUR FINANCE OFFICE. NO MILITARY SCRIPT OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF CURRENCY HAS BEEN ISSUED BY THIS HEADQUARTERS. OUR EXISTENCE MADE POSSIBLE BY DONATIONS IN KIND. ALL JAP GARRISONS SOUTH OF DALAGUETE HAVE BEEN WITHDRAWN.

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Cushing has done a remarkable job with little or no financing. without aid Cebu has witnessed the spontaneous resistance of a people. The strength to resist has largely come from deprivation - witness the difference between Luzon and Forting and Penalta areas aided by a liberal supply policy. We are going into Cebu direct. *over* *with 252*

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95 CUSHING.

In re CUSHING's fiscal position.

CUSHING has undoubtedly done infinitely more with less than has any other commander. We are sending in a shipment of supplies direct to CEBU shortly and should at the same time provide for financial aid.

Action taken:

None.

Action recommended:

Dispatch to CEBU Area Command the sum of \$200,000 Philippine currency at first opportunity.

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22 AUGUST 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 119 21 AUGUST

DAILY SUMMARY UNREPORTED FLIGHTS:

0044/Z, ONE FIGHTER COURSE SOUTHEAST; 0221/Z, CRAFT HEARD COURSE UNKNOWN; 0310/Z, ONE FIGHTER COURSE NORTHWEST; 0420/Z, ONE TRANSPORT COURSE NORTH; 0516/Z, ONE BOMBER LANDED LAHUG FIELD; 0526/Z, CRAFTS HEARD COURSE UNKNOWN; 0552/Z, ONE BOMBER COURSE NORTHWEST; 0612/Z, CRAFTS HEARD COURSE UNKNOWN; 0749/Z, TWO FIGHTERS COURSE SOUTH. ALL CRAFTS HOSTILE.

ADDITIONAL REPORT FROM OTHER PARTS OF PROVINCE SHOW BOMBING AND STRAFING TO HAVE BEEN RAMPANT THROUGHOUT THIS PROVINCE WITH SEVERAL CASUALTIES SO FAR REPORTED.

(YOUR NR 41 RECEIVED AND ALL CONTENTS NOTED, ALL INSTRUCTIONS WILL BE CAREFULLY FOLLOWED. WE WILL BE PREPARED TO ALL EVENTUALITIES.)

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA
A.F.O. 500

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TO : CUSHING
FROM: MACARTHUR
NR : 41

Cushing



CW

REFERENCE OUR NR THREE SIX AND YOUR NR NINE SEVEN CMA EXPECT SHIP YOU
TWENTY FIVE TONS SUPPLIES AT POINT YOU INDICATED ARRIVING YOURS ABOUT
EIGHTH SEPTEMBER PD WILL ADVISE DEFINITE EASY TARE ABLE ONE WEEK AHEAD PD
AT POSITION INDICATED YOUR NR NINE SEVEN ON EXPECTED DATE ARRIVAL FROM
NOUGHT SIX NOUGHT NOUGHT HOURS TO NOUGHT EIGHT NOUGHT NOUGHT HOURS HOW
TIME AND FROM ONE SIX NOUGHT NOUGHT HOURS TO DARK DISPLAY ON SHORE IN
PROMINENT POSITION AND CLEARLY VISIBLE FROM SEAWARD TWO WHITE DISCS TWO
METERS DIAMETER ON POLES THREE METERS HIGH AND ONE HUNDRED METERS APART PD
REMOVE SIGNALS AT FIRST SIGN OF ENEMY ACTIVITY SUCH AS PATROLS CMA PLANES CMA
LAUNCHES CMA OR SUSPICIOUS CRAFT CMA AND REPLACE WHEN ACTIVITY HAS PASSED PD
AT ONE SEVEN NOUGHT NOUGHT HOURS HOW TIME YOU OR YOUR REPRESENTATIVE STAND BY
FIVE HUNDRED YARDS OFF SHORE IN SMALL SAILBOAT DISPLAYING SMALL UNCLE SUGAR
FLAG TO CONTACT VESSEL WHEN IT SURFACES AT DARK PD CONTINUE THIS PROCEDURE
DAILY UNTIL VESSEL SURFACES OR ADVISED TO CONTRARY PD CRAFT FOR UNLOADING
SUPPLIES TO REMAIN ASHORE UNTIL AUTHORIZED BY VESSEL TO COME ALONGSIDE UPON
PREARRANGED SIGNAL TO BE GIVEN BY YOU PD SKELETON CREWS TO REMAIN IN CRAFT
AND NOT BOARD VESSEL PD REQUIRE TWO GANGS OF FIFTEEN EACH YOUR MEN UNDER

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TO : CUSHING

FOUR CAPABLE OFFICERS TO COME ABOARD AND ACT AS STEVEDORES UNDER DIRECTION OF DECK OFFICER PD THEY ARE NOT TO ENTER VESSEL CMA ATTEMPT TO TRADE CURIOS WITH VESSELS CREW OR OTHERWISE TAKE TIME FROM PRIMARY MISSION PD YOUR OFFICERS ASHORE TO SEE THAT CRAFT ARE UNLOADED QUICKLY AND NO PERSONNEL OTHER THAN CREW REMAIN IN CRAFT TAKING UP SPACE WHICH WOULD REDUCE CARGO CAPACITY PD VESSEL IS ON PERILOUS MISSION AND FUTURE SHIPMENTS POSSIBLE ONLY IF NO PREJUDICE TO SECURITY THIS CONTACT PD CONSIDER YOUR PRESENCE AT RENDEZVOUS HIGHLY ADVISABLE PD CANNOT EMPHASIZE TOO STRONGLY NECESSITY FOR ABSOLUTE SECRECY ON THIS OPERATION PD BURN THIS MESSAGE AND WORK SHEETS WHEN READ PD ACKNOWLEDGE PD



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Funds for PI activities

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G-3 (Col Whitney)

24 Aug 44

1. Note approval by Chief of Staff of your recommendation for dispatch of ₱200,000 Philippine currency to Cebu area.
2. In accordance with this approval, Finance Office, Base 3 has been instructed to deliver to you ₱200,000 Philippine currency which will be accounted for on WD Form 6 executed by you as payee.
3. Preparation of Form 6 should be coordinated with Deputy Controller, AIB (Col. Myers) who is charged with keeping the record of disbursements of G-2 Confidential funds for use in Philippine intelligence activities.
4. Cushing should be instructed to render detailed reports of the disbursement of these funds as soon as feasible.
5. Request that a copy of these instructions be forwarded to this section for record.

For the A. C. of S., G-2:

C. A. McV.

1 Incl:

G-3 Action Sht No. 352, Message 95 fr Cushing

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Information Copies:

AIB (Col Myers)

G-2 PI Section

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11 SEPTEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 149 10 SEPTEMBER

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(INCOMPLETE MESSAGE)

• • • ABELLANA CAPTURED BY NIPS SEPT THIRD, FURTHER DETAIL
WILL FOLLOW UPON ARRIVAL OF COMMUNICATION FROM MY HQTRS. DUE
DIFFICULTY OF TRAVEL, I THINK IT IS WISER I STAY THIS AREA.

TRIP SOUTH WE WERE AMBUSHED ONCE WITH CASUALTY EITHER SIDE,
HOWEVER WE CAPTURED TWO ENEMY SOLDIERS. AT SECOND MEETING WITH
JAP PATROL, CAUSED ONE CASUALTY BY ACCIDENT TO OUR SIDE.

SOUTHERN CEBU PRACTICALLY CLEARED OF ENEMY WITH THE
EXCEPTION OCCASIONAL LAUNCH PATROL LANDING FOR FOOD, FORAGE,
AND SUPPLIES. PRESENT CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR LANDING. WILL
ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE.

RECEIVED FROM NEGROS APPROXIMATELY TEN OR 12 SETS SIGNAL

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*Abellana is the loyal Governor of Cebu. Cushing
is now in South Cebu at the point of projected
contact.*

TYPED : 102205/Z

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12 SEPTEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 141 10 SEPTEMBER

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GOVERNOR ABELLANA CAPTURED BY NIPS SEPT THIRD, FURTHER
DETAIL WILL FOLLOW UPON ARRIVAL OF COMMUNICATION FROM MY HQTRS.
DUE DIFFICULTY OF TRAVEL, I THINK IT IS WISER I STAY THIS AREA.

TRIP SOUTH WE WERE AMBUSHED ONCE WITH CASUALTY EITHER SIDE,
HOWEVER WE CAPTURED TWO ENEMY SOLDIERS. AT SECOND MEETING WITH
JRP PATROL, CAUSED ONE CASUALTY BY ACCIDENT TO OUR SIDE.

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CEPTION OCCASIONAL LAUNCH PATROL LANDING FOR FOOD, FORAGE, AND
SUPPLIES. PRESENT CONDITIONS FAVORABLE FOR LANDING. WILL
ADVISE IF THERE IS ANY CHANGE.

RECEIVED FROM NEGROS APPROXIMATELY TEN OR 12 SETS SIGNAL
EQUIPMENT WHICH WILL BE IMMEDIATELY SET UP FOR AERIAL INTELLI-
GENCE.

WITH THIS ORGANIZATION RUNNING SMOOTHLY I BELIEVE PERSONAL
INTERVIEW MIGHT HELP ME FOR FUTURE GUIDANCE. THERE ARE SEVERAL
AREAS THIS ISLAND WHERE I COULD MAKE PARACHUTE LANDING WITH COM-
PARATIVE SAFETY. REQUEST ADVICE IF THIS SUGGESTION FAVORABLE.
ARRANGEMENT CAN BE MADE.

TYPED : 111905/Z

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*evacuation of Commander here for
conference has been disapproved
on 11/12/44
7/16/44*

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20 SEPTEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 152 19 SEPTEMBER

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REQUESTING CLARIFICATION L W 2 THREATENING COURT MARTIAL
PROCEDURE FOR LACK PROPER COMMUNICATION ORDERS OF WHICH YOUR
OFFICE HAS MADE ALLOWANCE DUE OUR HOME MADE TRANSMITTER. ALSO
ADVISING US DATE INAUGURATION OF USFIP ORGANIZATION ANNIVERSARY
AND ETC.. WE ARE WILLING ACCEPT ORDERS ANY ONE DESIGNATED BY
YOU BUT NEED CLARIFICATION TO AVOID FURTHER MISUNDERSTANDING
BETWEEN PROVINCES. ORDERS PREVIOUSLY RECEIVED I--N-AJVTLANORON
--PETH NOT RPT NOT TO BE MOLESTED UNLESS DETRIMENTAL TO THE
CAUSE. L W 2 ORDERS DEATH TO THE INVADERS AND HIS PUPPETS AS
ORDER OF THE DAY, REQUEST WHETHER THIS MEANS ALL OUT ATTACK IN
SPITE OUR LIMITED SUPPLIES OF AMMUNITION. WE ARE PREPARED TO GO
ALL OUT WITH WHATEVER MEANS WE NOW HAVE ON HAND. CORRECTION RE
OUR NR 141. TRANSMITTERS REPORTED RECEIVED HAVE NOT ARRIVED OUR
PROVINCE. MISTAKE OCCURRED DURING MY ABSENCE IN SOUTHERN CEBU
WHILE AWAITING ANSWER TO MY NR 141 RE SUPPLIES. SURVIVORS FROM
SHIPS BEING PROPERLY TAKEN CARE OF WITHOUT BURIAL CEREMONY. ANY
RANK HIGHER THAN MAJOR WILL BE HELD FOR YOUR DISPOSITION.

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*action taken
9/20/44
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NR 152 (CONTINUED)

CONSIDERABLE EQUIPMENT, PAPERS, LOGS, AND OTHER DOCUMENTS SO FAR RECOVERED YOU WILL BE FURNISHED ON NEXT MAIL. IF SITUATION GROWS IN INTENSITY I REQUEST PERMISSION RETURN MY HEADQUARTERS TO BETTER HANDLE EMERGENCY.

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LW 2 is Fertig. This is an important matter (re all out war against Puppets) that calls for a definitive policy. I am studying and meanwhile will send Curtling substantially the same msg as that approved by the C/S for Abuda.

yes

CW

TYPED: 200050/Z

What goes on here? Is Party trying to issue orders for all out war? If so, better get Party in line.

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26 SEPTEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

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NR 160 26 SEPTEMBER

ENEMY SHIPPING DAMAGES ON 24 SEPTEMBER RAID FOLLOW:
ONE MIKE VICTOR SUNK AND THREE LAUNCHES SET AFIRE OFF
PIER THREE, ONE MIKE VICTOR AND TEN NAVAL LANDING CRAFTS
SET ON FIRE AND SUNK SOMEWHERE VICINITY OFF MABOLO, ONE
LANDING CRAFT OFF KAWIT ISLAND SET ON FIRE, FOUR NAVAL LAND-
ING CRAFTS SUNK OFF SOCONY PIER OPON, ONE NAVAL LANDING CRAFT
SET AFIRE OFF BAGACAY POINT, ONE NAVAL LANDING CRAFT SET
ABLAZE OFF PHIL REFINING OPON, ONE NAVAL LANDING CRAFT OFF
MANDAVE PROBABLY SUNK, FIVE NAVAL LANDING CRAFT SUNK OFF
LILOAN BEACH, ONE MIKE VICTOR SUNK SOMEWHERE IN SOUTHERN COAST
CEBU, FOUR UNIDENTIFIED VESSELS SUNK OFF TALISAY AND TWO OTHERS
OFF CORDOVA, SEVEN NAVAL LANDING CRAFT SUNK OFF CATMON POINT
POSITION 10 DEGREES 43 MINUTES NORTH LATITUDE 124 DEGREES 07
MINUTES EAST LONGITUDE. OPON DRY DOCK BOMBED AND SET ABLAZE,
PIERS ONE AND TWO HIT, PIER TWO SET AFIRE. ENEMY GROUND INSTAL-
LATIONS HIT ON 24 SEPTEMBER RAID: LAHUG AIRFIELD HEAVILY BOMBED
AND SET AFIRE, CEBU TRADE SCHOOL DIRECTLY HIT, SHELL ISLAND HIT
WITH DEMOLITION BOMBS, MABOLO BARRACKS HIT AND SET ABLAZE, CAL-
TEX OPON FUEL STORAGE HIT, CLUB FILIPINO AREA CEBU CITY HIT AND
SET AFIRE, UP JUNIOR COLLEGE AREA BOMBED AND SET ABLAZE, TARE
PADILLA AREA HIT AND ON FIRE, KAWIT ISLAND BOMBED AND SET AFIRE,

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PHIL REFINING AREA AND HUMAYHUMAY AIRFIELD HEAVILY BOMBED
AND SET ABLAZE.

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*good report. Cadung's intel
reports have increasingly
good detail.*

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27 SEPTEMBER 1944

TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR

NR 54

IT IS DESIRED THAT UNLESS ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY FOR THE PROTECTION YOUR UNITS CMA NO RPT NO MAJOR DEMOLITIONS BE EFFECTED ESPECIALLY ON ROADS AND BRIDGES UNLESS GIVEN SPECIFIC ORDERS FROM THIS HEADQUARTERS PD NR FIVE FOUR PD NOTIFY ALL CONCERNED OF THIS DIRECTIVE PD BEGINS CLN

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1 OCTOBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 165 30 SEPTEMBER

RE YOUR NR 51: ALL ACCOMODATIONS REQUESTED FEASIBLE.
SUGGEST LOCATION NORTH CENTRAL CEBU FOR BEST SECURITY.

*To facilitate establishment
of radar position*

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07 OCTOBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 171 04 OCTOBER

STRENGTH CEBU AREA COMMAND AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER: 540 OFFICERS AND 7455 ENLISTED MEN (TOTAL 7955). ARMS AND AMMO REPORT AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER: ARMS - MG CALIBER .50-2, MG CALIBER .30-14, BAR-42, ENFIELD RIFLES-2529, CARBINE RIFLE-475, RIFLE CALIBER .22-27, TSMG-75, SHOTGUNS-74, MORTARS-9 (THREE GENUINE, SIX HOME-MADE), ROCKET GUN-ONE, PISTOLS AND REVOLVERS ALL CALIBERS-525 (INCLUDING HOME-MADE), JAP RIFLE-9. AMMO: CALIBER .50-1000, CALIBER .30 M1-49,219, CALIBER .30 M2-111,923/171, CALIBER .45-4177, SHOTGUN CARTRIDGES-394, MORTAR SHELLS-159, HAND GRENADES-278, RIFLE GRENADES-30, PISTOL AND REVOLVER AMMO ALL CALIBER-6339 AND JAP AMMO-286. ADDITIONAL ARMS AND AMMO ENROUTE FROM 7TH MILITARY DISTRICT. ALSO SUPPLIES LANDED LATTER PART SEPTEMBER NO TOTALLY DISTRIBUTED.

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GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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19 October 1944
(Date)

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TO: CUSHING

FROM: MACARTHUR

NR: 63

WE HAVE COMMENCED THE CAMPAIGN OF REOCCUPATION FOR THE PHILIPPINES PD PAREN MACARTHUR TO ALL COMMANDERS PAREN ALTHOUGH YOUR AREA IS NOT WITHIN THE IMMEDIATE ZONE OF OPERATIONS AT THE PRESENT TIME IT IS DESIRED THAT YOUR FORCES BE COMMITTED TO LIMITED OFFENSIVE ACTION WITH THE SPECIFIC MISSION OF HARASSING THE MOVEMENT OF ENEMY RESERVES WITHIN YOUR AREA AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE CONTAINING HIM TO HIS PRESENT POSITIONS PD INTELLIGENCE COVERAGE MUST BE INTENSIFIED IN ORDER THAT I BE FULLY AND PROMPTLY ADVISED OF ALL MAJOR CHANGES IN ENEMY DISPOSITIONS OR MOVEMENT

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05 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 28 04 DECEMBER

FROM INTERCEPTED LETTER OF TURA VELOSO TO EDILBERTO OSMENA RESIDING WITHIN OUR AREA FOLLOWS: "DEAR BERTING: IT IS SUGGESTED BY OUR FRIEND CAPT TSURUYAMA THAT IN ORDER THAT YOU AND FAMILY WILL BE SAFE YOU AND FAMILY MOVE TO NAGA BY BANCA. MY BEST REGARDS TO ALL SIGNED TURA"

WE SUGGEST HOLDING EDILBERTO OSMENA FOR HIS OWN SAFETY, PLEASE ADVISE.

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ADVANCE ECHELON
GENERAL HEADQUARTERS
SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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(Office)

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(Date)

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TO: CUSHING
FROM: MACARTHUR
NR: 16

DISPOSITION OF MATTER REFERRED TO IN YOUR NR TWO EIGHT IS LEFT TO YOUR JUDGEMENT IN LIGHT OF THE LOCAL SITUATION PAREN MACARTHUR TO CUSHING PAREN IN THIS CMA AS IN ALL CASES WHERE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE ENEMY IS SUSPECTED OR CHARGED CMA YOU SHOULD ENDEAVOR TO SECURE FOR FUTURE CONSIDERATION SUCH LEGAL EVIDENCE CONCERNING THE RELATIONSHIP AS THE SITUATION MAY PERMIT BUT AVOID PASSING JUDGMENT OR TAKING PUNITIVE ACTION PD MY POLICY IS TO LEAVE SUCH MATTERS CMA WHERE THE SECURITY OF MILITARY OPERATIONS IS NOT DIRECTLY INVOLVED CMA TO THE ACTION OF THE COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT PD

TOR 070633

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 15



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I WISH TO EXPRESS PAREN PRESIDENT OSMENA TO COLONEL CUSHING PAREN MY DEEP APPRECIATION FOR THE PROTECTION YOU AND YOUR MEN AFFORDED MEMBERS OF MY IMMEDIATE FAMILY DURING THE TRIP FROM THEIR RESIDENCE TO THE EVACUATION POINT AND FOR THE CAREFUL PLANNING ON YOUR PART SO LARGELY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SUCCESS OF THEIR EVACUATION PARA PAREN MACARTHUR TO CUSHING PAREN I COMMEND YOU AND YOUR OFFICERS AND MEN FOR YOUR DISPOSITIONS TAKEN TO EFFECT THE SUCCESSFUL EVACUATION OF MEMBERS OF PRESIDENT OSMENAS FAMILY PD I DESIRE THAT NO PUBLICITY BE GIVEN THIS MOVEMENT IN ORDER THAT OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PRESIDENTS FAMILY MAY NOT BE PREJUDICED THEREBY

TOR 0610552

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11 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 36 11 DECEMBER

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IN REFERENCE YOUR NR 17 FOLLOWING LEAFLET WAS DISTRIBUTED
THRU OUT THE OCCUPIED AREAS AS OF NOVEMBER 10TH:

"TO THE PEOPLE WITHIN THE OCCUPIED AREAS:

IN OUR EFFORTS TO SAVE THE LIVES OF THE CIVILIAN PEOPLE
WITHIN THE JAPANESE OCCUPIED AREAS WE FEEL IT OUR DUTY TO ADVISE
YOU AGAIN THAT THE TIME HAS COME FOR YOU TO PLAY YOUR PART IN
THIS WAR.

YOU ARE HEREBY ADVISED TO LEAVE THE JAPANESE OCCUPIED
AREAS WITH WHATEVER MEANS YOU CAN. THIS IS NOT THE TIME FOR
YOU TO THINK OF YOUR PROPERTY, PERSONAL BELONGINGS, AND SUCH
OTHER ITEMS THAT YOU MAY HOLD DEAR IN YOUR HEARTS. REMEMBER
THAT PRESIDENT OSMA, GENERAL MACARTHUR, AND THE UNITED STATES
HAVE PROMISED YOU REHABILITATION. YOUR LOSSES AND YOUR COMPLAINTS
WILL BE JUSTLY HEARD. HAVE NO FEAR OF OUR ARMIES FIGHTING FOR
OUR JUST LIBERATION AS THEY PROMISED YOU A BENEVOLENT AND
BROTHERLY CONSIDERATION.

BRING WITH YOU WHATEVER FOOD IS NECESSARY UNTIL YOU
CAN ESTABLISH YOURSELVES WITH THE NEAREST ARMY UNIT WHICH WILL
IN TURN PLACE YOU IN A SAFE AREA AND DO FOR YOU THE UTMOST WITH

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(NR 36 FROM CUSHING PAGE 2)

THE HELP OF THE CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS TO MAINTAIN YOUR DAILY NEEDS. IN CASE YOU FIND YOURSELVES PRESSED BY ANY OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED NEEDS, REPORT TO THE NEAREST ARMY UNIT FOR IMMEDIATE RELIEF.

NOW IS THE TIME TO ACT. WE CAN NO LONGER PERMIT YOU, AS BROTHER FILIPINOS, TO SUFFER THE PUNISHING BLOWS OF AERIAL BOMBARDMENT AND THE ATTACK WHICH IS NOW INEVITABLE.

SAVE YOUR LIVES, HELP SAVE YOUR NEIGHBORS LIVES, COOPERATE. MERCY CANNOT BE ADMINISTERED WHEN YOU ARE DEAD.

(SIGNED) LT COL JAMES M. CUSHING"



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16 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR

FROM : CUSHING

NR 44 16 DECEMBER

ANNOUNCEMENT OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS SUCH AS MADE OVER VICTOR LOVE CHARLIE SIX AT EIGHT O'CLOCK AM LOCAL TIME, DECEMBER 16 SERVES ONLY TO BRING REPRISAL ON THE FAMILIES OF THOSE STILL WITHIN OCCUPIED AREAS. IN MY CASE MY BROTHER, CHARLES, IS A PRISONER UNDER THE JAPANESE CAUGHT IN LUZON FOR GUERILLA ACTIVITIES. HIS BEING ANNOUNCED AS COMMANDER THIS AREA MAY CAUSE HIS DEATH BY EMBITTERED JAP GUARDS OR AN OFFICER.

*Cushing is under suspicion. No similar
reaction from other areas. Identities
of all actually well known to enemy -*

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26 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING
NR 60 26 DECEMBER

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REFERENCE YOUR NUMBER 26 AND OUR NUMBER 55, DUE FAULTY RADIO EQUIPMENT IT HAS DELAYED THE FOLLOWING REPORT:

"ENSIGNS AMER, DONALD BEAT AND ENSIGN SULLIVAN LEFT BANTAYAN OF THEIR OWN VOLITION BY SAILBOAT ON 17TH DECEMBER FOR LEYTE, REST OF PARTY PICKED UP ON 22ND BY CATALINA BOAT." IT CLEARS US ALL OF LIVING FLYING PERSONNEL FROM THIS AREA. SUGGEST ALL FLYING PERSONNEL BE GIVEN A CLEARER PICTURE OF SITUATION WITHIN THIS AREA. SHOULD TUBURAN AIRFIELD BE REQUIRED IT CAN BE MADE SERVICEABLE AND BE PROTECTED FOR ANY FUTURE OPERATION DESIRED BY THAT COMMAND.

CEBU PROVINCE HIGHWAYS INCLUDING ENTIRE SOUTH AND WEST COAST NOW USED BY CAPTURED TRUCKS FROM THE ENEMY FROM SOUTH TO TUBURAN.

*Cebu forces are not doing so badly
CW*

TOR : 260326/Z
TYPED : 260725/Z
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28 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 62 28 DECEMBER (CORRECTED COPY)

CUSHING TO OSMENA THRU MACARTHUR:

GREATLY APPRECIATE YOU REMIND SERGEANT ERIBERTO
OSMENA TO RETURN TO THIS PROVINCE AND TAKE UP HIS DUTIES
AFTER HAVING VISITED HIS FAMILY THERE.

*Message demonstrates that Cushing
is a soldier - not a politician.
In the time I shall take no action
on this message -*

TOR : 280645/Z

TYPED : 281316/Z

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30 DECEMBER 1944

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 66 30 DECEMBER

REGARDING YOUR NUMBER 27, REQUEST THAT I BE PERMITTED TRIP TO LEYTE WITH ONE AIDE IN ORDER TO STRAIGHTEN OUT VARIOUS PROBLEMS IMPORTANT TO THIS AREA. DESIRE ANSWER. SHOULD SUCH PERMISSION BE GRANTED WILL SUGGEST ASTURIAS FOR SEAPLANE PICKUP AT WHATEVER HOUR AND DATE DESIGNATED BY YOU 12 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF YOUR ANSWER.

TOR : 301035/Z
TIME TYPED: 301448/Z
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*advised it is desired at
this time that local commanders
remain in their areas with
their forces -*

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17 January 1945

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TO : CUSHING
FROM : MACARTHUR
NR : 45

AT PRESENT PLANS BEING MADE TO SEND YOU SUPPLIES BY SURFACE
CRAFT IN QUANTITIES ABOUT FIFTY TONS PD WOULD SIBONGA PIER BE SUITABLE
FOR YOU PD WHAT TYPE OF SUPPLIES DO YOU REQUIRE PD COULD YOU BE AT
SIBONGA PERSONALLY TO RECEIVE FIRST SHIPMENT OF SUPPLIES

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SOUTHWEST PACIFIC AREA

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(Office)

2 February 1945

(Date)

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TO: CUSHING

FROM: MACARTHUR

NR: 57

WILL YOU SEND AT ONCE TO COMMANDING GENERAL ALLIED AIR FORCES DEPT
A LIAISON OFFICER WHO IS THOROUGHLY FAMILIAR WITH THE SITUATION IN
YOUR AREA PD AIR TRANSPORTATION WILL BE FURNISHED BY AIR FORCE PD THE
ALLIED AIR FORCES WILL SEND INTO YOUR AREA AN AIR LIAISON PARTY
EQUIPPED WITH RADIO FOR DIRECT AIR GROUND CONTACT IN ORDER TO PROVIDE
DIRECT SUPPORT FOR GUERRILLA FORCES PD ALLIED AIR FORCES IS PREPARED
FULLY TO SUPPORT YOUR OPERATION IN CLEARING THE ENEMY FROM YOUR AREA PD
RESULTS OF AIR AND GROUND OPERATIONS WILL BE REPORTED TO GHQ

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23 FEBRUARY 1945

TO : GENERAL MACARTHUR
FROM : CUSHING

NR 76 23 FEBRUARY

GUERRILLA OPERATIONS NOW UNDER WAY TO CAPTURE CEBU CITY IN CO-ORDINATION WITH 13TH AIR TASK FORCE. ENTIRE OPERATIONS DEPENDENT UPON ONE JEEP, TWO TRUCKS FOR SUPPLIES AND 50,000 CIVILIANS PRESENTLY MOVING TOWARDS CITY. REQUEST WE BE FURNISHED MORE TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND MORE SMALL CALIBER ARMS AND SMALL CALIBER AUTOMATIC WEAPONS.

YOUR NUMBER 73, RECEIVED BY ME BACK CEBU CITY SIX MINUTES TIME BEFORE ARRIVAL OF PLANE. REQUEST MORE TIME TO MEET SPECIAL PERSONNEL SENT THIS AREA IN ACCORDANCE WITH CAPTURE CEBU CITY BY GUERRILLA FORCES AS I AM IN FIELD.

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TOR : 231118/Z

TYPED : 231425/Z

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27 February 1945

(Date)

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TO: CUSHING

FROM: MACARTHUR

NR: 78

CONTROL OF ALL GUERRILLA FORCES SOUTH OF LUZON AND PERTINENT
 RADIO INSTALLATIONS PASSES ON NIL NIL NIL ONE OF ONE MARCH TO CONTROL
 OF LIEUTENANT GENERAL ROBERT LOVE EICHELBERGER CMA COMMANDING GENERAL
 EIGHTH ARMY PD CALL SIGN OF EIGHTH ARMY IS NAN EIGHT FOX CMA USE SAME
 FREQUENCIES AND CODES AS NOW USED

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